

# **Mansfield Local Plan**

## **Sustainability Appraisal**

**Addendum: Non-Technical Summary Note**

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## Sustainability Appraisal Report (Addendum): Non-Technical Summary Note

### 1. Introduction and outline of the plan

Following consultation on the Mansfield Local Plan at Pre-submission stage, the Council noted several inconsistencies in the application of the site appraisal criteria with regards to the distance measured to bus stops (Site appraisal criteria SA11).

To rectify these inconsistencies, an addendum to the SA Report has been prepared. This presents the original measurements and scores, and compares the updated assessments. Any changes to the outcomes have then been recorded and each site proforma has been updated accordingly.

### 2. Scoping

There have been no amendments to the Local Plan, or a need to substantially re-assess the plan through the SA process. Therefore, it is unnecessary to update the scope of the appraisal. The same information presented in the SA Report (to which this addendum applies) remains appropriate.

### 3. Alternatives

The addendum has been prepared to rectify inconsistencies in the application of site criteria. This does not give rise to any new reasonable alternatives.

### 4. Appraisal

For one site appraisal criteria (SA11), measurements to bus/train stops should be made from the centre of site options. However, in the SA Report, it appears that the measurements were taken from the boundary of sites in some cases.

The updated assessment ensures all sites are measured from site centres and has resulted in the following changes:

- Fourteen sites have been amended from dark green to light green
- One site has been amended from light green to dark green
- Nine sites have been amended from light green to amber
- One site has been amended from amber to light green
- One site has been amended from dark green to red
- Two sites have been amended from amber to red
- For fifty one sites, the sustainability outcome has remained the same, despite the distance measurements being different.
- Two sites have been amended from dark green to amber

The SA outcomes for accessibility have not altered dramatically for the majority of sites. Furthermore, the characteristics of the sites remain the same and they have been compared using a consistent methodology. Therefore, alternative site options perform relatively the same compared to one another irrespective of the approach to measurement (i.e. measuring from the centre of sites rather than site edges).

In conclusion, the changes have no effect on the SA findings presented in the SA Report.

## **5. Mitigation, enhancement and monitoring**

The addendum addresses factual inconsistencies rather than presenting updated appraisals of the Plan. Therefore, recommendations are not required.

Likewise, the site assessments provide background information to help guide the plan-making process. The effects identified in the SA Report relating to allocated sites remain the same, and so there is no need to identify further monitoring measures (to those already set out in the SA Report).

