

Appendix I: Development of SA Objectives at the Scoping stage

The SA Scoping Report was published for consultation in April 2009. Following this consultation, and a review of Government guidance, the SA framework was amended (documented in the Scoping Report Appendix 1 and 2.) The table below outlines how the objectives were changed following consultation, and the reason for any changes.

Original (April 2009) Scoping Report SA Objective (Numbers in brackets)	Final Scoping Report (September 2009) SA Objective (Numbers in brackets)	Reason for any change
To meet the challenge of a growing and aging population	Improve access to essential services and facilities (1)	To make more specific as to the issue of what "the challenge of a growing and aging population" actually means.
To reduce poverty and social exclusion	Reduce poverty and social exclusion (2)	No change
To provide affordable and decent housing adaptable to future needs of the community	Provide sufficient housing to meet identified needs of the community (3)	Need to keep the objectives strategic.
To improve the health and well being of the community including enhanced access to health care facilities	Improve health and well being (4)	Need to keep objectives strategic, focussing on the outcomes, not how they will be achieved.
To improve the education and skills of the population through lifelong learning	Improve education and skills of the population (5)	Need to keep objectives strategic, focussing on the outcomes, not how they will be achieved.
To reduce crime and anti social behaviour and the fear of these	Reduce crime and fear of crime (6)	For clarity.
To conserve and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment	Conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity (14)	Succinct and more accurately reflects NPPF.
To reinforce local distinctiveness, local environmental quality and amenity through the conservation and enhancement of the built and cultural heritage	Conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment (10). Protect and enhance the landscape and townscape (9).	Greater clarity required and separated into 2 distinct SA objectives. Comment from English Heritage highlighting the importance of the historic environment warranted a specific objective on this.

To implement strategies that help mitigate global warming and adapt to unavoidable climate change within the district	Reduce contribution to climate change and vulnerability to its effects (11).	For clarity.
To encourage sustainable construction materials and methods	Reduce contribution to climate change and vulnerability to its effects (11).	Incorporated into revised SA Objective No 11 in order to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number through refinement.
To minimise the need for energy, increase energy efficiency and to increase the use of renewable energy	Reduce contribution to climate change and vulnerability to its effects (11).	Incorporated into revised SA Objective No 11 in order to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number through refinement.
To improve air quality	Minimise pollution (including air, water, land, light, noise) and waste production (12).	Incorporated into revised SA Objective No 12 in order to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number through refinement.
To promote sustainable waste management through waste minimisation, maximisation of recycled and reused material and seek to recover energy from waste material	Minimise pollution (including air, water, land, light, noise) and waste production (12).	Incorporated into revised SA Objective No 12 in order to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number through refinement.
To manage and reduce the risk of flooding	Manage and reduce the risk of flooding (13).	No Change
To maintain and enhance water quality (ground and surface) and make efficient use of water	Minimise pollution (including air, water, land, light, noise) and waste production (12).	Incorporated into revised SA Objective No 12 in order to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number through refinement.
To protect and enhance soil quality and reduce land contamination	Minimise pollution (including air, water, land, light, noise) and waste production (12).	Incorporated into revised SA Objective No 12 in order to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number through refinement.

To protect and enhance the valued landscape and townscape of South Somerset	Protect and enhance the landscape and townscape (9).	For clarity and Natural England emphasising that all landscapes are important (not just those that are "valued") so separate SA Objective.
To support a strong, diverse, vibrant and sustainable local economy to foster balanced economic growth	Support a strong, diverse and vibrant local economy (7).	For clarity.
To foster a strong tourism industry which is socially and environmentally responsible	Support a strong, diverse and vibrant local economy (7).	Incorporated into SA Objective No 7 to keep objectives strategic and for clarity to keep the number of objectives to a manageable number.
To provide jobs for all with a diverse range of employment opportunities	Support a strong, diverse and vibrant local economy (7).	Incorporated into SA Objective No 7 to keep objectives strategic.
To promote traffic reduction and encourage more sustainable alternative forms of transport	Reduce the effect of traffic on the environment (8).	Need to keep objectives strategic, focussing on the outcomes, not how they will be achieved.