

Greater Norwich Local Plan

**Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: Schedule of Further Amendments to the Draft SA
Scoping following the Norwich City Council's Sustainable Development Panel of 25
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The following schedule sets out the proposed minor amendments to the Greater Norwich Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report proposed by Norwich City Council's Sustainable Development Panel.

Reference	Page	Paragraph	Proposed Amendment
SDP1	20	1.3.9	... ultra low emission vehicles during the lifetime of the GNL. <u>Norwich City Council has recently agreed a motion that policies over provision of electric car parking points when planning permission is granted should be updated where appropriate.</u> This may ...
SDP2		1.3.1	... Road traffic is the most significant source of NO2 and, more specifically, <u>diesel vehicles including many</u> buses and taxis ...
SDP3	22	2.2.4	...budgets. The first five budgets, leading to 2032, have not <u>now</u> been set in law. The ...
SDP4	28	2.3.3	<p>...transport. In regards to Ttransport, it is acknowledged that the Examining Authorities Report into the Northern Distributor Road (NDR) found that the scheme will “lead to an immediate and ongoing increase in carbon emissions as compared with the “Do-Minimum” scenario”. Although <u>However</u> it was also acknowledged that these may be “mitigated by efficiency improvements promoted in future carbon budget rounds and that evidence submitted to the examination did not show that, in isolation, the scheme would affect the ability of the Government to meet its carbon reduction targets, nor the fulfilment of the overarching national carbon reduction strategy”¹.</p> <p>¹ The Planning Inspectorate, The Norfolk County Council (Norwich Northern Distributor Road (A1067 to A47(T) Order, Examining Authorities Report of Findings and Conclusions and Recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, paragraph 4.283.</p>
SDP5	84	9.5	<p>Amend first bullet point:</p> <p>It will be important to maintain and enhance links, <u>including green infrastructure links</u>, to the countryside and semi-natural open spaces to encourage physical activity and mental well-being.</p>

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SDP6	84	9.5	<i>It will be important to</i> ensure ing new development is well related to green infrastructure

In addition to the amendments listed above the Sustainable Development Panel also requested that consideration was given to the following points:

1. Investigate whether there could be an indicator identified for “cohesiveness of communities” under the People and Communities section.
There is no single measure of community cohesion. Whilst it may be technically possible to measure community cohesion it is a complex and involved process which requires the consideration of a range of measures including subjective matter such as resident surveys and objective administrative data such as ethnicity, faith, age, culture, educational attainment and unemployment. An initial investigation has not uncovered any existing monitoring that is undertaken to understand levels of community cohesion. Undertaking the investigation required to develop measures from first principles is currently considered to go beyond that reasonably required for the purposes of Sustainability Appraisal. Whilst further investigation will continue, it appears that an indicator(s) on community cohesion cannot be incorporated.
2. Considered whether future text could be added at 2.3.2. to make it more nuanced in terms of interpreting the data. Amend the related issue on page 36 if necessary.
Further investigation will be undertaken to establish the extent to which further, or more nuanced interpretation of the CO2 emissions data can appropriately and reliably be provided as part of the Sustainability Appraisal.
3. Consider adding the Issue “Facilitation of zero carbon transport” under 2.5 on page 36.
The first bullet point under 2.5 seeks consistency with the interventions proposed in the forthcoming emissions reductions plan. This sets an appropriate basis for consideration of matters relating to carbon emissions within the Sustainability Appraisal, and in a manner which will be consistent with the intention of Government. The forum to consider whether policy interventions intended to facilitate zero carbon transport are appropriate will be the GNLP plan making process and this issues is considered to be best addressed in this way.