

Earl Shilton + Barwell AAP, Leicestershire

Jam was commissioned to prepare a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Submission Draft Earl Shilton and Barwell Area Action Plan (AAP). The AAP supports the Core Strategy (Local Plan) and provides the detailed planning guidance for development in the areas of Earl Shilton and Barwell for the period up to 2026.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) adopted its Core Strategy in 2009, which identified Earl Shilton and Barwell as Sustainable Urban Extensions.

The AAP allocates land for housing, employment, retail, recreation, open space and community facilities within two Sustainable Urban Extensions north-west of Barwell and south-east of Earl Shilton. It also contains policies which relate to proposals that require site specific conditions such as design guidance, conservation and protection of open spaces and further policies which will be used in the day to day assessment of planning applications across the entire settlements.



Project:
Earl Shilton + Barwell
Area Action Plan

Jam:
Sustainability Appraisal

Client:
Hinckley & Bosworth BC

Adopted
September 2014

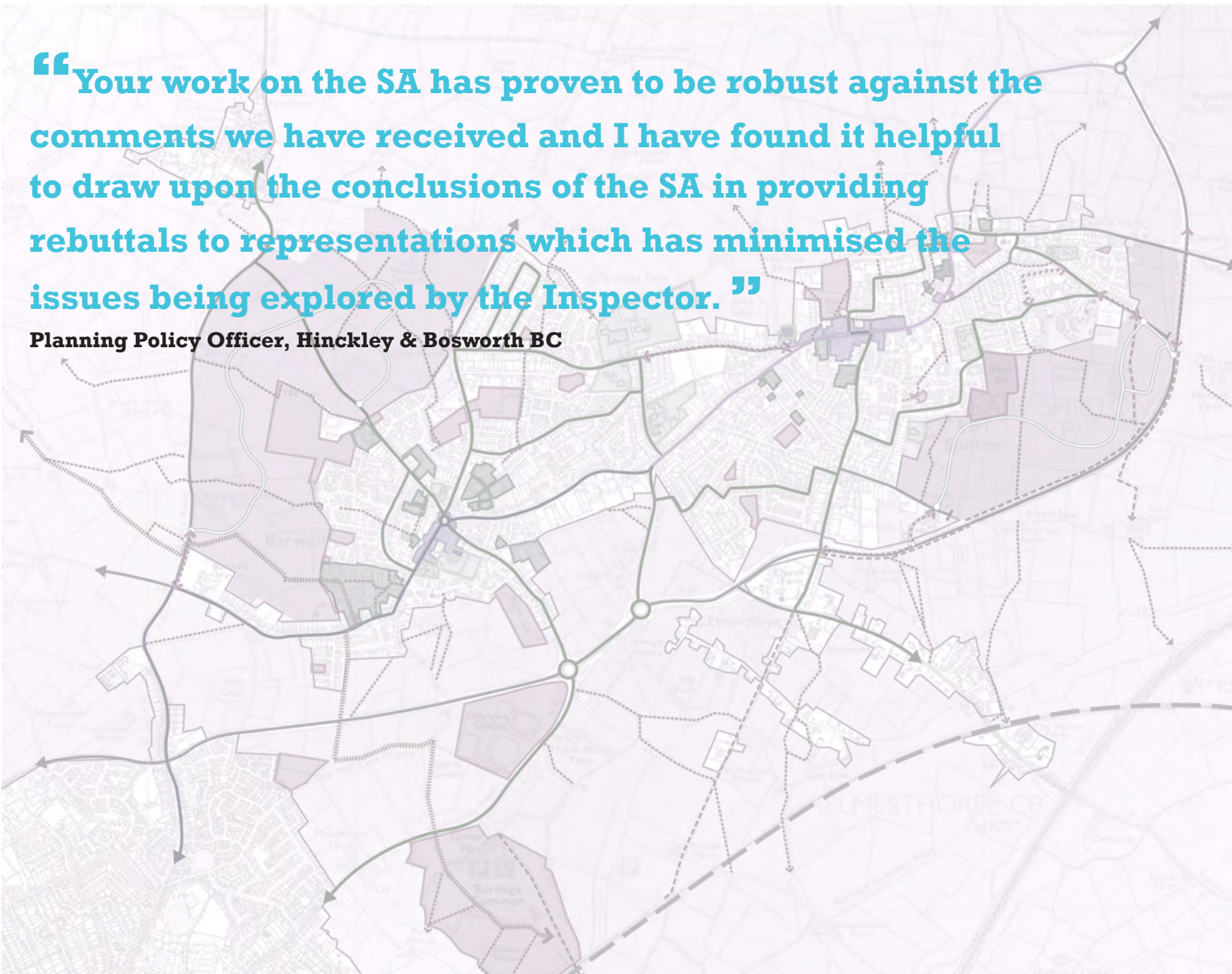
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The AAP was amended to take into consideration the consultation responses to the Preferred Options and additional evidence for the masterplans, in particular, the Strategic Transport Assessment, the infrastructure requirements and the Viability Assessment. The Sustainability Appraisal was undertaken to ensure that the new evidence was fully considered in the assessment.

The SA assessed the five options that were identified at the Preferred Options stage to ensure that the new evidence had not changed the sustainability outcomes, in addition to the final preferred option for Earl Shilton, which was a combination of Options 1 and 2.

The SA also assessed the proposed policies for the AAP against the SA framework. The number of policies was reduced from 34 in the preferred options to 26 in the submission version, to remove duplication of issues that will be addressed in the forthcoming Site Allocations and Development Management policies.

Following the examination of the document by the Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State, the Earl Shilton and Barwell Area Action Plan was formally adopted by Council on 23 September 2014.



“Your work on the SA has proven to be robust against the comments we have received and I have found it helpful to draw upon the conclusions of the SA in providing rebuttals to representations which has minimised the issues being explored by the Inspector.”

Planning Policy Officer, Hinckley & Bosworth BC