

Sustainability Appraisal, North Staffordshire

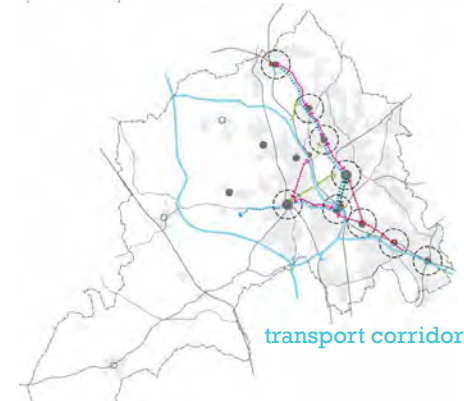
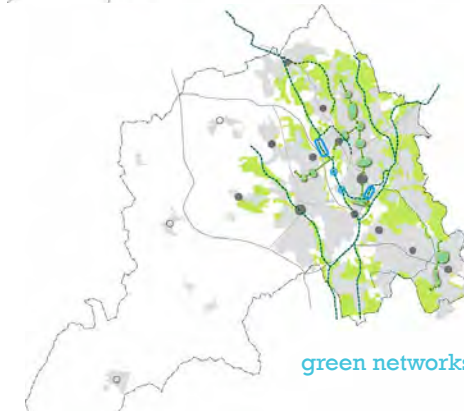
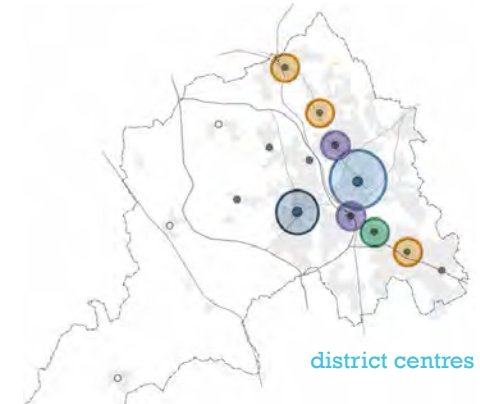
A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Urban Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was undertaken by **Jam** for Urban Vision (the North Staffordshire Architecture Centre) on behalf of: Stoke-on-Trent City Council; Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council; and Renew, the North Staffordshire Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder (the Client Group).

The SA was carried out in consultation with the Client Group and Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design who were responsible for the production of the Urban Design Guidance. Input was also received from English Heritage, CABE, the Homes and Communities Agency and Advantage West Midlands.

The purpose of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is to ensure that sustainable development has been integrated in the formulation of development plans and to verify that due consideration has been given to social, economic and environmental factors. The SA must also show how the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive have been met.

The purpose of the Urban Design guidance SPD is to:

- promote good sustainable, urban design in the City of Stoke-on-Trent and the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme
- explain how spatial principles and design policies in the Core Spatial Strategy will be applied in relation to different places and topics
- provide guidance in relation to planning applications: to applicants when formulating proposals, to planning officers when assessing them, and to politicians when making decisions, on what constitutes good, sustainable urban design in this sub-region
- provide guidance to public sector commissioning bodies when strategies and proposals are being formulated either directly or by others on their behalf.



Project:
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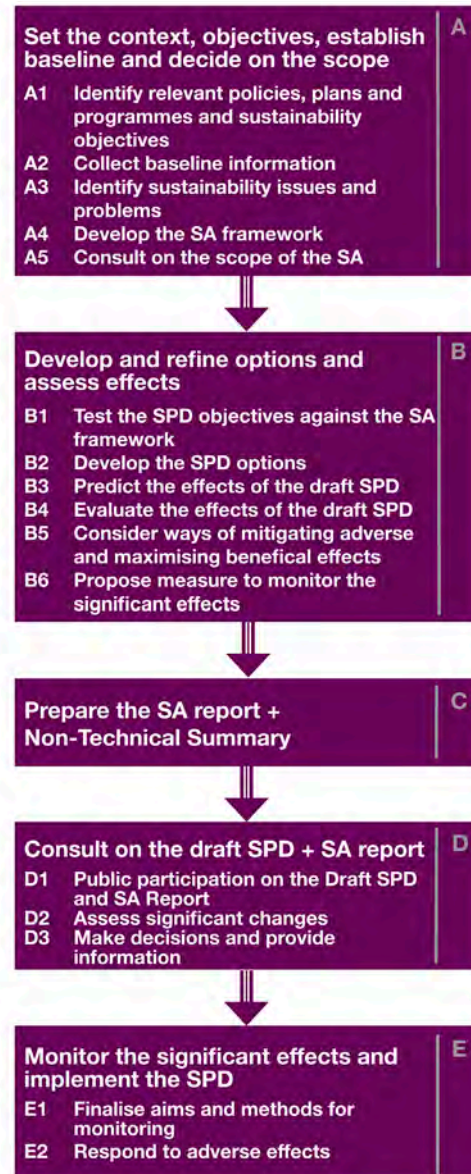
The appraisal showed that the Sustainability Objectives and the SPD Objectives were largely compatible. The potential lack of compatibility between the sets of objectives is considered to be minor and should be adequately addressed through the use of the Urban Design Guidance and other policy and guidance documents in the assessment of proposals.

Appropriate mitigation measures will ensure positive impacts are achieved. Any mitigation should be identified through the planning process and studies undertaken in support of planning applications e.g. Design & Access Statements and Environmental Impact Assessments.

The Urban Design Guidance has been adopted by the Councils as an SPD and will form part of the Local Development Framework suite of Development Plan Documents.

The guidance will be used by developers in preparing their submissions and by Local Authorities and Regeneration bodies in helping to determine proposals.

Sustainability Appraisal Process



Sustainability Objectives	UDG Principles - Residential Design									
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
1 To help to meet the housing needs of the whole community	Green								Green	
2 To increase life expectancy and improve the health of the population overall	Green	Green								
3 To provide the best possible environment to encourage and increase economic enterprise and employment	Green			Green		Green			Green	Green
4 To enable access to the widest range possible of shopping and commercial services for the resident population	Green	Green		Green						
5 To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of the city, town and district centres within the conurbation and village centres in the rural area	Green	Green							Green	Green
6 To provide a more equitable society	Green									
7 Reduce crime and the fear of crime	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green				Green
8 To reduce the need to travel while increasing accessibility for all	Green		Green	Green						
9 To encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking	Green			Green	Green					Green
10 To increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency in existing and new development and re-development										
11 To improve air quality, creating cleaner and healthier air	Green		Green							
12 Retain and enhance the species and habitats targeted for improvement in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan	Orange	Orange		Green						
13 Ensure that there is no loss in the extent and quality of SBIs, LNRs and RIGs	Orange	Orange		Green						
14 Increase the amount of accessible natural green space	Green	Orange		Green						
15 Reduce the amount of land in SSSIs classified as in an 'unfavourable' condition.										
16 To reduce contamination, regenerate degraded environments, maintain soil resources and air quality and minimise development on greenfield sites	Orange	Orange		Green						
17 To reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill				Green						
18 To reduce the amount of development within the floodplain and promote the use of sustainable drainage systems	Orange	Orange		Green						
19 To increase the efficient use of water resources										
20 To improve water quality and meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive										
21 To help maintain distinctiveness and foster interest in and concern for the heritage of the area	Orange	Green			Green			Green	Green	Green
22 To help to provide a safe, efficient highway network and improve the viability of public transport	Green			Green	Green					Green