

The London Borough of Hackney

Sustainability Appraisal Summary Report of the Proposed Pre-examination Changes to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document December 2009

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Glossary of Terms			
AAP	Area Action Plan	NLWP	North London Waste Plan
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report	PINS	The Planning Inspectorate
CS	Core Strategy	PPS	Planning Policy Statement
CDM	An internal file reference in the LB of Hackney. These reports are all available on request.	RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy
DPD	Development Plan Document	SA/SEA	Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment
DfT	Department for Transport	SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
GLA	Greater London Authority. The GLA provided their representation - letter dated 05/08/09.	SCS	Sustainable Community Strategy
GOL	Government Office for London. GOL provided their representation - letter dated f 07/07/09.	SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
LDF	Local Development Framework	SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership. In the LB of Hackney this group is also referred to as Team Hackney.	SWMP	Surface Water Management Plan

Your comments

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1 Introduction

1.1 What is a Sustainability Appraisal?

- 1.1.1 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a central part of the statutory preparation procedures for creating a Local Development Document. The requirement for SA is enshrined in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Town and Country Planning Regulations, 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Regulations, 2008. SA also incorporates the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive EC/2001/42 (SEA Directive) transposed into UK law by the Environmental Assessment Regulations for Plans and Programmes in July 2004.
- 1.1.2 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) seeks to identify the economic, social and environmental impacts a plan or programme and suggests ways to avoid or minimise negative impacts and maximise positive ones. This report summarises the SA assessment findings of the **proposed Pre-examination changes to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, December 2009**.
- 1.1.3 This summary of findings should be read in conjunction with the LB of Hackney's Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report for the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, June 2009 currently available at:
http://www.hackney.gov.uk/sustainability_appraisal_report_proposed_submission.pdf.

1.2 The Pre-examination changes to the Core Strategy

- 1.2.1 Changes have been proposed to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, June 2009 as a result of new evidence that has emerged and consultation feedback. The policies that are subject to alterations are listed below:

Policy 1: Growth Locations

Policy 2: Improved Railway Corridors

Policy 3: Shoreditch

Policy 4: Woodberry Down New Community

Policy 5: Hackney Wick New Community

Policy 6: Transport and Land Use

Policy 7: Working with Infrastructure Partners

Policy 9 & 10: Investing in Education and Lifelong Learning

Policy 12: Health and Environment

Policy 16: Employment Opportunities

Policy 17: Economic Development

Policy 19: Housing Growth

Policy 20: Affordable Housing

Policy 23: Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

Policy 24: Design

Policy 25: Historic Environment

Policy 26: Open Space Network

Policy 27: Biodiversity

Policy 28: Water and Waterways

1.2.2 The SA assessment has been carried out on all proposed Pre-examination changes to the above Core Strategy policies. A full inventory of each change minor or major and key representations relating to each alteration can be obtained at:

<http://www.hackney.gov.uk/core-strategy-submission-document-proposed-pre-examination-changes.pdf>

1.3 The updates to the evidence base

1.3.1 The SA Scoping Report sets out the baseline data which underpins the SA assessment. This has been updated to consider new evidence that has emerged since the pre-submission consultation stage. This includes the:

- Draft Council planning policy in the form of phase 1 Area Action Plans for Hackney Wick, Dalston and Hackney Central
- The LBH Infrastructure Assessment, 2009
- The LBH Affordable Housing Viability Study, December 2009, BNP Paribas
- Hackney Employment Growth Options Study, Atkins, 2006, updated 2009.
- Implications of the economic recession

1.4 Assessment methodology

1.4.1 All the Core Strategy policies which have been altered as a result of the Pre-examination changes have been re- assessed to consider if the alterations to the policy wording would have any significant social, environmental or economic impacts. The methodology applied was the same as that carried out in the SA assessment of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, June 2009. A brief overview of this has been set out below.

1.4.2 An appraisal matrix contain the 20 Sustainability Appraisal objectives (please see figure 1 below for these). The matrix was also divided in 16 main topic areas: population, biodiversity, air, climate, human health, crime & safety, housing, waste, transport, soil, water & noise, landscape & townscape, cultural heritage, poverty & social exclusion, equalities, employment and skills and the economy. The predicted effects of each policy were denoted using the scoring set out in Figure. 3. Please see Appendices 1-5 to view the full assessment matrices.

Figure 1: Hackney's Sustainability Appraisal objectives

	Sustainability Objectives	Criteria
1	To protect and enhance the biodiversity, flora and fauna of the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it conserve and enhance species diversity? • Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interest? • Will it maintain and enhance woodland cover and management? • Will it maintain the wetlands?

	Sustainability Objectives	Criteria
2	To ensure efficient use of natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve the efficient use of natural resources?
3	To improve air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve the air quality?
4	To reduce noise pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce actual noise levels? • Will it reduce noise concerns?
5	To minimize flood risk and encourage Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) for new developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the risk of flooding to people and property? • Will it promote the sustainable urban drainage systems in the new developments?
6	To reduce the need to travel and encourage use of public transport including walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the traffic congestion? • Will it encourage the public transport? • Will it have a positive impact on climate change?
7	To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote the efficient use of energy in all activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the emission of green house gases by reducing energy consumption? • Will it help in promoting the renewable resources of energy?
8	To protect and enhance the borough's historic environment and preserve the archaeological aspects of the borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?
9	To promote sustainable design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote eco-homes?
10	To reduce poverty and social exclusion and promote cultural diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the poverty and social exclusion in those areas most affected? • Will it promote the culture diversity?
11	To maintain and enhance Metropolitan Open Land and open spaces and enhance the landscape character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce possibility of any new development on open spaces? • Will it maintain the existing open spaces? • Will it improve the landscape? • Will it reduce amount of derelict, degraded and underused land?
12	To improve the health of the people and promote healthy lifestyle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve access to high quality health facilities? • Will it reduce death rates and any illness/sickness? • Will it encourage healthy life styles?
13	To improve educational attainment and the skill level of the population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve qualifications and skills of the young people? • Will it improve qualifications and skills of adult?
14	To reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of the crime in the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the actual crime level?

	Sustainability Objectives	Criteria
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce the fear of crime?
15	To increase the number of decent and affordable houses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it increase the number of affordable homes? • Will it reduce the number of unfit homes?
16	To provide access to an adequate range of support and community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve accessibility to key local services? • Will it improve the level of investment in key community services?
17	To encourage complementary activities and land uses together to make more efficient and effective use of land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote new development on previously development land? • Will it encourage effective use of land? • Will it maintain and enhance soil quality?
18	To minimize waste and maximize recycling in the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it reduce consumption of materials and resources? • Will it reduce household waste? • Will it increase waste recycling?
19	To promote sustainable economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it improve business development? • Will it improve growth in key sectors?
20	To generate employment opportunities for everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it increase employment opportunities?

Figure 2: Assessment scoring key

Symbol	Meaning
+	The option/policy will result on a positive impact on the SA objective and related topic area.
+/?	Dependent on implementation, but if there were to be an impact it would most likely be positive or minor positive impacts.
0	Neutral or negligible effect.
-/?	Dependent on implementation, but if there were to be an impact it would most likely be negative or minor negative impacts.
-	Option will result in a significant negative impact on the SA objective and related topic area.
?	Relationship between the option/policy and the SA objective is unknown and/or not enough information to make an assessment.

Figure 3: Sustainability Appraisal findings summary

Key <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed Submission SA Effects ▪ Pre-examination SA Effects ▪ SA effects have <u>not</u> changed since the Pre-Submission SA assessment unless denoted below in red. 	Population	Biodiversity	Soil, Water & Noise	Air	Transport	Climate	Cultural Heritage	Equalities	Poverty & social exclusion	Human Health	Crime & safety	Housing	Landscape & townscape	Waste	Economy	Employment and Skills
1 Proposed Submission Policy	0	-/?	-/?	-/?	+/?	-/?	-/?	+/?	+/?	-/?	+/?	+/?	-/?	-/?	+	+
1. Pre-examination Policy	+							+		+					+	

1.4.3 A summary of the SA assessment findings of the Pre-examination policies is provided. These are compared to the Proposed Submission SA effects. This is illustrated in Figure 3 above. All of Proposed Submission SA effects are listed. Just those Pre-Examination effects that have altered are noted below in red (i.e. the sample table above shows the Pre-examination Policy has had a more positive effect on population, equalities and human health topic areas than at the Proposed Submission stage).

6. Transport	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	-/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	-/?	+/?	+/?	+/?
6. Transport																
7. Locating Infrastructure	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	-/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	0
7. Locating Infrastructure					+	+								+		

2.1 Core Strategy Policy 1: Growth Locations

2.1.1 Summary of findings: The sustainability of this policy hangs upon its implementation. The change improves the overall balance and structure of the Core Strategy. Additional positive impacts have been identified on economy, human health and equalities as a result of the changes to this policy. The recommendations are set out below:

- In order for growth to be sustainable the mechanisms for its effective implementation need to be put in place in the statutory planning policy framework. Once the Core Strategy has been adopted work should immediately commence on creating formal AAP DPDs. No statutory weight or reliance should be placed on informal Council policy.
- A Habitats Regulations Assessment has ruled out any adverse effects on the integrity of the Walthamstow SSS1 and the Lea Valley SPA however more detailed assessment will be required at a AAP DPD level.
- Decentralised energy production of this policy should be promoted in the implementation of this policy.

2.2 Core Strategy Policy 2: Improved Railway Corridors

2.2.1 Summary of findings: The level of housing growth in this area is greater than that of Hackney Wick, Shoreditch and estate renewal projects like Kings Crescent. This change provides extra clarity on the type of growth that is going to accompany these infrastructure improvements. There are more positive impacts on housing and poverty & social exclusion as a result of this policy change. There are no further recommendations.

2.3 Core Strategy Policy 3: Shoreditch

2.3.1 Summary of findings: The changes do not result in an alteration of effects. These editorial changes do clarify further what is going to be delivered. The Proposed Submission June 2009 key recommendations (later referred to as the June 2009 recommendations) should still be applied. These are set out below.

- A lot of the growth in Shoreditch is integrated with that of Islington, The City and Tower Hamlets. More reference to pro-active cross-borough working is necessary in the supporting text.
- Protected strategic views should be protected and reflected in the zones allocated as suitable for tall buildings development.
- Shoreditch has seen some exciting increases in media cultural and creative industries. This locally distinctive evolution should be fostered in the policy.

2.4 Core Strategy Policy 4 : Woodberry Down New Community

2.4.1 Summary of findings: The changes represent positive additions. They make the policy more locally specific clarifying its aims and intent. The effects of this policy are more positive in relation to climate and education & skills. No additional recommendations. Those at the June 2009 stage still apply. Please see below:

- The Woodberry Down Masterplan emphasises that there needs to be adequate facilities to meet the needs of the community. Although this is supported in the Social infrastructure chapter, more mention of the specific detail that relates to this area may be useful in the supporting text.
- Better design is referenced in the policy however this could be brought out more clearly to reflect the masterplan which denotes that the urban landscape will be transformed into a distinct new urban quarters.

2.5 Core Strategy Policy 5: Hackney Wick New Community

2.5.1 Summary of findings: There is no alteration to sustainability effects. Please see the recommendations below:

- In order for growth to be sustainable the mechanisms for its effective implementation need to be put in place in the statutory planning policy framework. Once the Core Strategy has been formally adopted work should immediately commence on creating formal AAP DPDs. No statutory weight or reliance should be placed on informal Council policy to deliver any growth area.

2.5.2 The June 2009 recommendations should also be applied, principally:

- The improvement of this policy would increase if there was strategic support for the growth of creative industries in the mixed use/residential anticipated west of the River Lee.
- Joint working is required with the EA on the development of any development options in areas in Flood Risk Zones 2 and 3 and a SFRA Level 2 will need to be carried out before this policy can be implemented.

2.6 Core Strategy Policy 6: Transport and Land Use

2.6.1 Summary of findings: There are no alterations to the sustainability effects. There are no further recommendations.

2.7 Core Strategy Policy 7: Working with Infrastructure Partners

2.7.1 Summary of findings: The revised text is much clearer on the crucial elements of joint working for service delivery. The specific reference to our key physical infrastructure programme creates increases the deliverability of this policy. The effectiveness on transport, waste and climate topic areas are positive as a result of this assessment. Please see the recommendations below:

- The Core Strategy should be accompanied by a risk register. This should set out clearly what the remedial actions are for key elements of infrastructure where funding has not yet been secured and where other areas of risk can be identified in the plan.
- The risk register should also make provisions for the implications of the global economic recession, changes to the London Plan, a change in national government and other relevant future circumstances that may inhibit the delivery of the plan and allocate measures to address these.

3 Summary of assessment findings - Supporting Neighbourhoods and Communities

Figure 5: Sustainability Appraisal findings summary - Supporting Neighbourhoods and Communities

Key	Population	Biodiversity	Soil, water & noise	Air	Transport	Climate	Cultural Heritage	Equalities	Poverty & Social Exclusion	Human Health	Crime & safety	Housing	Landscape & townscape	Waste	Economy	Employment and Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Submission SA Effects Pre-examination SA Effects SA effects have <u>not</u> changed since the Pre-Submission SA assessment unless denoted below in red 																
9. Investing in Education	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	+/?	+/?	+	+/?	+/?	?	?	+/?	+/?
9 Investing in Education	+															
10. Lifelong Learning	0	?	?	?	?	?	?	+/?	+/?	+	+/?	+/?	?	?	+/?	+/?
10. Lifelong Learning	+															
12. Health and Environment	0	+/?	?	?	-/?	?	-/?	+/?	+/?	+	?	-/?	+/?	?	+/?	+/?
12. Health and Environment	No change															

3.1 Core Strategy Policy 9 & 10: Investing in Education & Lifelong Learning

3.1.1 Summary of findings: The revised policy performs better against the population topic area. The impacts on equalities and poverty & social exclusion objectives are still reliant on how this policy is implemented. Implementation mechanisms have been strengthened by the development of the policy objectives. Please see the recommendations below:

- The needs associated with our estate renewal projects should not be overlooked in the implementation of this policy. Colville and Kings Crescent are each delivering marginally more housing than Hackney Wick, Shoreditch and Improved Railway Corridors growth locations. We should refer to all major schemes as the needs of these new communities there are just as great.
- New facilities should be designed to the highest standards of sustainable design and construction as representatives of Council's objectives for climate change and environmental sustainability. Developments should include initiatives such as green/brown roofs and SUDS as appropriate.

3.2 Core Strategy Policy 12: Health and Environment

- 3.2.1 Summary of findings: The additions set out more clearly how the intent of the policy is going to be achieved in land use planning terms. This is positive. There is an issue about being so specific given that there may be a difference between the actual amount of sports halls and fitness centres required and those that are currently predicted. As a result the performance of this policy has not changed since the June 2009. It is still positive /dependant on how it is implemented in relation to health. No additional recommendations have been suggested.
- 3.2.2 The recommendations at the June 2009 SA assessment stage emphasised the importance of new facilities are allocated in areas of need as well as in new growth areas. This should be taken into account in the implementation of the policy in partnership with the LSP.

4 Summary of assessment findings - A Dynamic and Creative Economy

Figure 6: Sustainability Appraisal findings summary – A Dynamic and Creative Economy

Key	Population	Biodiversity	Soil, Water & Noise	Air	Transport	Climate	Cultural Heritage	Equalities	Poverty & Social Exclusion	Human Health	Crime & safety	Housing	Landscape & townscape	Waste	Economy	Employment and Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Submission SA Effects Pre-examination SA Effects SA effects have <u>not</u> changed since the Pre-Submission SA assessment unless denoted below in red 																
16. Employment Opportunities	?	-/?	-/?	-/?	?	-/?	-/?	+	+	+/?	+	?	?	-/?	+	+
16. Employment Opportunities	No change															
17. Economic Development	0	-	+	-	+	-	-/?	+	+	+/?	?	?	+	-	+	+
17. Economic Development	+															
18. Promoting Employment Land	?	-/?	-/?	-/?	?	-/?	-/?	+/?	+/?	-/?	?	-/?	-/?	-/?	+	+
18. Promoting Employment Land	No change															

4.1 Core Strategy Policy 16: Employment Opportunities

4.1.1 Summary of findings: There are no further recommendations resulting from this policy change. The existing recommendations are:

- In the development of the Area Action Plans it is important to engage with the conservation officers from the start in the planning and development of Strategic Industrial Locations and other areas where the growth and further intensification of employment uses are anticipated
- Policy should ensure people living in the most deprived areas will have the opportunity to access training in order to obtain jobs.

4.2 Core Strategy Policy 17: Economic Development

4.2.1 Summary of findings: Reference to the quantum of potential additional floor space that can be delivered strengthens this policy. The Pre-Submission SA assessment June, 2009 showed the policy will have a significant positive effect on employment & skills and the economy. The policy will continue to have significant positive effects these topic areas. This policy has a more positive effect on the population topic area as the additional supporting evidence that underpins this policy change – the updated Employment Study 2009, better equips Hackney to deal with the predicted population growth. There are no additional recommendations. The recommendations at the June 2009 outline:

- Work with the LSP to apply measures to support and promote access to local employment opportunities within the community in the implementation of this policy.
- Any preferred employment or industrial sites should not have a negative impact on protected sites for nature conservation and associated habitats and species. Further assessment work will be required at the Area Action Plan and planning applications stages to ensure this.
- New commercial or industrial developments should be of high quality design and construction and be allocated in key locations where good public transport are available.
- Measures should be taken at the planning application stage to ensure that new commercial and industrial development will not cause adverse impacts on water and soil quality.

- The most deprived Super Output Areas should have opportunity to gain training and skills to get the jobs generated from these employment sites.
- The planning policy team should work with Team Hackney to ensure that there are mechanisms in place to assist new fledgling businesses.

5 Summary of assessment findings - Providing Better Homes

Figure 7: Sustainability Appraisal findings summary – Providing Better Homes

Key	Population	Biodiversity	Soil, Water & Noise	Air	Transport	Climate	Cultural Heritage	Equalities	Poverty & social exclusion	Human Health	Crime & safety	Housing	Landscape & townscape	Waste	Economy	Employment and Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Submission SA Effects Pre-examination SA Effects SA effects have <u>not</u> changed since the Pre-Submission SA assessment unless denoted below in red 																
19. Housing Growth	?	-	-	-	-/?	-	?	+	?	?	?	+	+	-	+	+
19. Housing Growth													-			
20. Affordable Housing	+	-	-	-	+	-	?	+	+	+	?	+	-	-	+	?
20. Affordable Housing	No change															

5.1 Core Strategy Policy 19: Housing Growth

5.1.1 Summary of findings: The change to para 2 is a positive addition strengthening the need to provide mixed tenures of family accommodation. The totals in the housing trajectory table 7.1 have been altered to an additional 2, 465 homes over the plan period. There is a significant increase in the total amount of houses identified outside the windfall category from 8, 759 to 17, 170. This significant increase in the confirmed additional housing planned and net supply over the plan period will result in environmental impacts. Negative effects on biodiversity, soil, water, air, climate and waste have already been identified in the Proposed Submission SA. There have been no additional adverse effects identified. It is essential that the measures identified to mitigate these identified in June, 2009 are adhered to in the implementation of this policy. Please see these recommendations below:

- The preferred location for new housing should respect sites of Metropolitan, borough and local importance and should not cause any significant adverse impacts on important habitat and species.
- It is important that additional housing follows the principles of sustainable design and construction.
- The biodiversity, sustainable waste and other mitigating policies to reduce any environmental impacts must be implemented proactively alongside housing growth.
- No new developments should be permitted in vulnerable flood risk areas. Joint working with the EA is required in Hackney Wick.
- Policy should maintain and improve Hackney's waste performance, in particularly to improve the access for waste collection and recycling point; and it should also be in line with the North London Joint Waste Plan to meet overall targets of reduction in residual household waste of 595 kg/hh in 2009/10 and 540kg/hh in 2010/11 (LAA).

5.2 Core Strategy Policy 20: Affordable Housing

5.2.1 Summary of findings: The impacts on poverty and social exclusions and equalities topic areas remain positive. Changes further support these objectives but do not alter the overall effects. Para 1 is a positive addition highlighting 'mixed use incorporating residential' for extra clarity. Para 2 is also positive highlighting the GLA's Affordable Housing Toolkits or similar methodologies. Para 3 is positive addition specifying the 60/40% tenure split as set out by the GLA. Para 4 is positive specifying socially rented and affordable homes to include 3 bed and larger family accommodation. There are no new recommendations for this policy. The June 2009 recommendations include:

- At the planning application stage measures should be taken to ensure waste management and recycling are encouraged.
- The preferred location for new affordable housing should not adversely affect sites of Metropolitan, borough and local importance. Brownfield land should be prioritised and any areas of contaminated land should be fully remediated to the highest specification.
- As part of implementation the principles of the Council's Climate Change Strategy and current best practice (and once adopted our anticipated Supplementary Planning Documents for building design and construction including internal layouts) should be fully taken into account.

5.3 Core Strategy Policy 23: Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

5.3.1 Summary of effects: The effects on equalities and poverty & social exclusion were positive in the Pre-Submission SA assessment. These remain so. The changes to this policy are positive, Para 2 – removes the reference to ‘water and sewage connections, compatibility with neighbouring uses, and not unacceptable impacts on neighbouring properties, land uses of the visual quality of the area’. The changes are a less restrictive and further support the delivery of Circular 01/2006. Two additional recommendations further to the Pre-Submission assessment are:

- Include reference to Circular 04/07: Planning for Travelling Showpeople.
- Sensitive treatment of the Gypsy and Traveller site in the Hackney Wick area if it is affected by future planned regeneration.

5.3.2 It should also be noted the June 2009 recommendations still apply which were:

- New sites should be allocated through a DPD in line with regional demand as appropriate.
- Effort should be made to support links to public transport, community infrastructure and other essential services when allocating new sites.

6 Summary of assessment findings - A Safer, Cleaner and Greener Place

Figure 8: Sustainability Appraisal findings summary – A Safer, Cleaner and Greener Place

Key	Population	Biodiversity	Soil, Water & Noise	Air	Transport	Climate	Cultural Heritage	Equalities	Poverty & social exclusion	Human Health	Crime & safety	Housing	Landscape & townscape	Waste	Economy	Employment and Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Submission SA Effects Pre-examination SA Effects SA effects have <u>not</u> changed since the Pre-Submission SA assessment unless denoted below in red 																
24. Design	0	+	+/?	+	+/?	+	-/?	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?	+/?
24. Design	No change															
25. Historic Environment	0	-/?	-/?	-/?	0	-/?	+	0	+/?	0	+/?	+	+	0	+/?	+/?
25. Historic Environment	No change															
26. Open Space Network	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	+	+	0	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	0
26. Open Space Network	No change															
27. Biodiversity	0	+/?	+/?	+	0	+	0	+/?	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	+	0	+/?	0
27. Biodiversity	No change															
28. Water and Waterway	0	-/?	-/?	?	0	-/?	?	+/?	+/?	+/?	0	+/?	?	?	+/?	+/?
28. Water and Waterway	No change															

6.1 Core Strategy Policy 24: Design

6.1.1 Summary of findings: The drafting changes, whilst they add some further clarity do not alter the policy principle. No changes to the findings of the SA of the June 2009 in sustainability effects have been identified. There are no additional recommendations.

6.2 Core Strategy Policy 25: Historic Environment

6.2.1 Summary of findings: The change strengthen the position of the protection of the historic environment 'and its settings' which is positive. In addition it notes that 'all developments' should positively contribute to Hackney's historic character. The impacts on cultural heritage and landscape & townscape remain positive. There are no further recommendations. The June 2009 recommendations include:

- Further clarity on the mechanisms to deal with the overlaps between archaeological priority areas and planned estate renewal projects may be useful in the supporting text.

6.3 Core Strategy Policy 26: Open Space Network

6.3.1 Summary of findings: The policy change strengthens the impact on landscape and townscape. There are no further recommendations.

6.4 Core Strategy Policy 27: Biodiversity

6.4.1 Summary of findings: Dalston and Shoreditch were highlighted by the GLA as having particular potential for urban greening. This has been emphasised in the policy. This makes the policy more locally distinctive. However, this has not altered the sustainability effects of the policy. In the implementation of this policy it is important to note that Dalston and Shoreditch should not be considered to the exclusion of other areas in the borough. There are no further recommendations to this policy.

6.5 Core Strategy Policy 28: Water and Waterways

- 6.5.1 Summary of findings: The addition of 'and' is a positive change. It highlights the criteria outlined is not an either/or situation. The change to bullet 3 'where appropriate' does not strengthen the protection of the buffer strip. The predicted impacts on soil, water & noise and climate topic areas remains 'negative/dependant on how the policy is implemented'. More clarity in the text and mapping of those areas where the buffer strip along the watercourse needs to be protected is strongly recommended. There are no further recommendations for this policy.