



Leeds Site Allocations Plan

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**Remitted Part of the Site Allocations Plan –
Sustainability Appraisal & Habitat Regulations
Assessment Addendum
Inspector's Proposed Main Modifications**

Development Plan Document

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Addendum supplements the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Addendum Submission Version (March 2021) which was provided to accompany the Council's proposed Main Modifications (MMs) to the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) Remittal.
- 1.2 Following the examination of the remitted part of the SAP from 14th-17th September 2021, the Inspector has reached a view on Main Modifications that she considers are necessary to make the Plan sound. As well as the Council's submitted MMs the Inspector has suggested further MMs.
- 1.3 These further MMs arise because the Inspector asked the Council whether there would be a need for other suggested MMs in relation to the deleted sites (the subject of the SAP Remittal). The Council responded that there were no other modifications for the Inspector to consider. Notwithstanding this, the Council provided a list of Additional Modifications relating to the SAP which the Council considered did not go to the heart of soundness which were provided to the Inspector on the 11th October. Following consideration of this, the Inspector concluded in a letter dated the 17th November that the substantial majority of the modifications proposed by the Council "*..represent significant changes and would be needed as Main Modifications for the Remitted part of the SAP to be effective and justified and relate to the High Court Order..*", that is 'including all aspects of all policies and text that give reasons for and effect to the relevant allocations'. The schedule of proposed MMs incorporating the majority of the Council's modifications was provided by the Inspector which will be subject to a 6 week public consultation including this SA Addendum.
- 1.4 The Council has considered the Inspector's proposed Main Modifications to establish whether there is a need for further Sustainability Appraisal. This SA Addendum sets out the Council's conclusions.

2. METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 A two stage process is taken to consider the proposed Main Modifications to see whether they need to be subject to a sustainability appraisal:
 - i. Screening of the modifications to identify if the proposed change may give rise to the need for further SA to that already undertaken for the Remitted part of the SAP (ie Consultation version, January 2021; and Submission version, March 2021); and
 - ii. If the screening determines that further SA is required, provide an assessment of the proposed change against the SA framework.

3. RESULTS OF THE SCREENING PROCESS

- 3.1 Each proposed Main Modification has been assessed (screened) to establish the need for further SA. This is set out in Appendix 1.

3.2 The screening process has concluded that none of the MMs give rise to the need for further SA. This is because the MMs are consequential amendments arising from MMs that have already been subject to SA or MMs reflecting the Core Strategy Selective Review (CSSR) and updated evidence which does not affect the SA.

4. HABITAT REGULATIONS ASSESSMENT (HRA)

4.1 The MMs have been considered in relation to the HRA and given that there are no significant changes from the Council's submitted modifications and the additional MMs concern factual or technical detail and textual changes only rather than site specifics, it is concluded that no further assessment work on habitats is needed.

APPENDIX 1: SCREENING ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS

The table below shows the results of the screening of the proposed Main Modifications. It assesses each modification to determine whether an SA is necessary.

Draft Mod. No.	SAP Ref.	Screening conclusion on need for SA	Reasons for SA Conclusion
SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION			
MM1	Para 1.5 Page 10	No	The amendments reflect the CSSR. No effect on SA.
SECTION 2: RETAIL, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND GREENSPACE OVERVIEW			
MM2	Para 2.26, 2.28, 2.29 Page 19	No	The amendments reflect the CSSR and updated housing land supply. No effect on SA.
MM3	Para 2.30-31 Table 1 Page 20	No	The amendments reflect the updated housing supply. This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM4	Para 2.32 Page 21	No	The amendments reflect the updated housing supply and consistency with the CSSR. No effect on SA.
MM5	Para 2.34 Page 22	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM6	Para 2.35 Page 23	No	Consequential amendments presenting updated housing land supply and CSSR policy. This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM7	Para 2.36 Page 23	No	Consequential amendments presenting updated housing land supply and CSSR policy. This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM8	Para 2.37 Page 24	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM9	Para 2.55 Page 29	No	Amendments reflect the updated housing land supply. No effect on SA.

MM10	Para 2.82 Page 38	No	Amendments reflect the updated employment land supply. No effect on SA.
SECTION 3: PROPOSALS FOR THE 11 HOUSING MARKET CHARACTERISTIC AREAS			
1. AIREBOROUGH			
MM11	Para 3.1.5-3.1.7 Page 45-46	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM12	Para 3.1.7- 3.1.8 Policy HG2 Page 46	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM13	Page 47-60	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM14	Para 3.1.11 Page 65 Policy H4	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
2. CITY CENTRE			
MM15	Para.3.2.5- 3.2.7	No	Amendments reflect the updated housing land supply. No effect on SA.
3. EAST			
MM16	Para 3.3.5-3.3.7 Page 146 -147	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM17	Para 3.3.7 Policy HG2 Para 3.3.8	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM18	Page 149- 163	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM19	Policy EG2 Page 167	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from a main modification that has already been appraised. No SA required.

MM20	Page 162-163	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from a main modification that has already been appraised. No SA required.
4. INNER			
MM21	Para 3.4.5-3.4.7 Page 175-176	No	Amendments reflect the updated housing land supply. No effect on SA.
5. NORTH			
MM22	Para 3.5.5 - 3.5.7 Page 270-271	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM23	Policy HG2 Para 3.5.7-3.5.8 Page 271-272	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM24	Page 285-302	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM25	Para 3.5.12 Page 319	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
6. OUTER NORTH EAST			
MM26	Para 3.6.5 - 3.3.7 Page 329	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM27	Policy HG2 Para 3.6.8 Page 330	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM28	Page 337-338	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
7. OUTER NORTH WEST			
MM29	Para 3.7.5 – 3.7.7 Page 353 -354	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.

MM30	Policy HG2 Para 3.7.8 Page 354	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM31	Page 357-358	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM32	Para 3.7.12 Page 366	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
8. OUTER SOUTH			
MM33	Para 3.8.5 – 3.8.7 Page 378	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM34	Policy HG2 Para 3.8.8 Page 379	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM35	Page 380-381	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM36	Para 3.8.11 Page 401	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM37	Para 3.8.12 Page 401	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
9. OUTER SOUTH EAST			
MM38	Para 3.9.5-3.9.7 Page 407-408	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM39	Policy HG2 Para 3.9.8	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM40	Page 411	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.

10. OUTER SOUTH WEST			
MM41	Para 3.10.5 – 3.10.7 Page 434 - 435	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM42	Policy HG2 Para 3.10.8 Page 435	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM43	Page 437- 487	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM44	Para 3.10.11 Page 489	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM45	Para 3.10.12 Page 489	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
11. OUTER WEST			
MM46	Para 3.11.5- 3.11.7 Page 520- 521	No	Consequential amendments to reflect the updated housing land evidence and CSSR requirements. No effect on SA.
MM47	Policy HG2 Para 3.11.8 Page 521	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM48	Page 523- 546	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.
MM49	Para 3.11.12 Page 574	No	This is a consequential amendment arising from main modifications that have already been appraised. No SA required.