

Appendix 5 Assessment of IRF Objectives' Relevance for Leigh Park Strategic Framework

AIM: Within the context of key issues identified for the region, to assess the relevance of each IRF Objective for spatial planning at local level.

N.B Rating was carried out as follows:

UA3 – relevance of IRF objective to criteria contained within HBDWLP policy UA3 – High/Medium/Low

Member ratings – Member's assessment of relative importance of IRF objectives to Leigh Park SPD as agreed at a Members workshop 18th February 2005

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Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone								
1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home	H	H	This objective is a key part of the vision for the sub-region and the Borough as a whole. Scores low because it's primarily a high level issue.		√	√	√	SPD is unable to allocate development sites, but the design improvements proposed should have a positive impact by encouraging high quality development.
2. To reduce the risk of flooding and the resulting detriment to public well-being, the economy and the environment.	L	L	This is an important objective for South Hampshire and the Borough but was scored low in recognition that it isn't a current problem in the area and is already covered by statutory requirements.		√	√	√	Not identified as an issue in the area but must be considered bearing in mind the stream corridors present,.

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3. To improve the health and well-being of the population and reduce inequalities in health	L	M	This objective is a key part of the vision for the sub-region and the Borough as a whole. Scores low because it's primarily a high level issue.		√	√	√	There is a link between ill-health and multiple factors of deprivation. Improving the environment of the area will have a beneficial effect on the health of the residents.
4. To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between the most disadvantaged communities [in the South East] and the rest [of the region]	M	H	This is a very important objective for South Hampshire and the Borough and is recognised in this assessment.		√	√	√	An improved town centre will raise economic prosperity which should positively impact poverty reduction and social exclusion and close the gap between the most disadvantaged communities and the rest of the region
5. To raise educational achievement levels [across the region] and develop opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find, remain and progress at work	M	H	This is a very important objective for South Hampshire and the Borough and is recognised in this assessment		√	√	√	Of key importance to the future prosperity of the Leigh Park area..
6. To reduce crime and the fear of crime	M	H	This is an important objective for South Hampshire that is ideally suited to be tackled at the local level. Crime and the fear of crime have repeatedly been raised by Members and Residents alike when discussing ways to tackle negative perceptions of the area.			√	√	LDFs to address these issues in conjunction with community strategies and local design initiatives.

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7. To create and sustain vibrant communities	H	M	This objective is a key part of the Partnership for South Hampshire's (PUSH) vision for the sub-region. The sub-regional strategy with its focus on urban renaissance and renewal, coupled with the intention to create more sustainable communities, is an integral part to this.		√	√	√	This objective is key to the motivation for producing the Leigh Park SPD. Relatively small actions at the local level can have significant effects of the quality of life for residents and contribute greatly to sustainable development.
8. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities	H	L	This objective is a key part of the Partnership for South Hampshire's (PUSH) vision for the sub-region. The sub-regional strategy, in tandem with the relevant LTP's and LDFs, can help deliver this objective. Main impact at higher level so scored low.		√	√	√	SPD can consider links within the Leigh Park area and links with surrounding areas
9. To encourage increased engagement in cultural activity across all sections of the community [in the South East]	M	L	This scored medium, as it is relevant at a local level.				√	LDFs/SPD can address this issue in conjunction with community and other documents such as the Cultural Strategy.
Effective protection of the environment								
10. To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including re-use of materials from buildings, and encourage urban renaissance	H	H	This objective is a key part of the Partnership for South Hampshire's (PUSH) vision for the sub-region as it seeks the regeneration and renewal of the area's cities and towns. High score for Leigh Park.		√	√	√	Underused sites within the area provide major renaissance opportunities. Regenerate Proctor & Gamble and respond tom changing requirements for education.

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11. To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve	L	L	Although important, generally recognised that environmental legislation already addresses this issue		√	√		LTP and LDFs will seek to reduce transport related air pollution by minimising the need to travel. Not considered to be key to this document – reducing the need to travel by the private car is already a priority.
12. To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and ensure that the South East is prepared for its impacts	L	L	This is an important issues for all sub-regional areas. But scores low locally, as people tend to incorrectly think it is a higher level issue.		√	√		Direct links to SPD not readily apparent.
13. To conserve and enhance the region's biodiversity	L	L	This is an important issue for sub region and borough but scores low as not clearly linked to urban regeneration.		√	√	√	Surrounding areas provide wildlife habitats and development t proposals must consider mitigation.
14. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the region's countryside and historic environment	M	L	This forms an important part of the quality of life for people in South Hampshire.		√	√	√	SPD must enhance and respect the quality of existing environment. Make the most of natural assets.
15. To reduce road congestion and pollution levels by improving travel choice, and reducing the need for travel by car/lorry	M	M	This objective is a key part of vision for the nation and sub-region		√	√	√	Policies at all three spatial levels can help deliver this objective although there is a need for co-ordination with other strategies (e.g. LTP's , school travel plans etc.). Improved local services will reduce need to travel so minor impact.

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Prudent use of natural resources								
16. To reduce the global social and environmental impact of consumption of resources by using sustainably produced and local products	L	L	It will be difficult for a spatial strategy to significantly impact on this objective	√				Not directly relevant to the SPD.
17. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste	L	M	There is a spatial dimension to dealing with waste			√	√	Waste disposal is an issue to be dealt with at sub-regional level, through LDFs as appropriate. Clean and tidy streets are an issue for the perception of the area.
18. To maintain and improve the water quality of the region's rivers and coasts, and to achieve sustainable water resources management	H	L	South Hampshire contains high quality watercourses and Council would not wish to see this threatened by development. Scores low perhaps because the numerous watercourses and heritage links are not exploited.		√	√	√	Proposals for Havant Thicket could have significant implications for Leigh Park, but are not likely to happen 15-20 years.
19. To increase energy efficiency, and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the region	L	L	There is a spatial dimension to this objective		√	√	√	This is an issue for new development in Leigh Park.

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Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth								
20. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the region	H	H	This objective is a key part of vision for the sub-region. Scored second highest for SPD.		√	√	√	The SPD can help deliver this objective. Proposals for significant employment releases at Dunsbury Hill Farm will be key to this.
21. To sustain economic growth and competitiveness across the region	M	M	The Council will play a full and active part in meeting this objective		√	√	√	SPD to assist with delivery of new employment sites and to assist in the regeneration of the Leigh Park District Centre.
22. To stimulate economic revival in priority regeneration areas	H	M	This objective is a key part of vision for those parts of the sub-region identified		√	√	√	The Borough falls within one of the eight Priority Areas for Economic Regeneration identified within RPG9..
23. To develop a dynamic, diverse and knowledge -based economy that excels in innovation with higher value, lower impact activities	M	M	PUSH is keen to help re-engineer the South Hampshire economy to more fully reflect this objective. Low score reflects lack of direct local focus.		√	√	√	The SPD can impact on this objective through highlighting its importance, encouraging changes in the perception of the area and enhance local education, training and skills levels
24. To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector	L	M	As a relatively modern residential area Leigh Park does not serve as a tourist destination as a whole. However, the Sir George Staunton Country Park is of importance.		√	√	√	SPD can promote positive PR, improve signage, and market Leigh Park.

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25. To develop and maintain a skilled workforce to support long-term competitiveness of the region	H	H	This was scored high because it is a major issue for the area. However, it is largely reliant on educational and training bodies plus businesses themselves to implement.		√	√	√	The SPD can impact on this objective through highlighting its importance, encouraging agencies to support and develop local business and enterprise and enhance local education, training and skills levels