SA Objectives and Decision Making Questions

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Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone		
Accessibility	To improve accessibility and transport links from residential areas to key services, facilities and employment areas and enhance access to natural environment and recreational opportunities	• Improve access for the disabled? • Improve access to public transport? • Improve public transport services? • Improve access to local services and facilities? • Improve access to IT? • Improve access by foot or cycle? • Ensure services are located to maintain the viability of settlements? • Reduce the need to travel? • Reduce travel distances (particularly journey to work)?
Housing	Ensure that new housing provided meets the housing needs of the area provide affordable and decent housing for all	• Reduce homelessness? • Provide enough affordable housing to meet need from all sections of the community? • Reduce the number of unfit homes? • Provide housing to meet local needs in the rural area? • Provide a range of house types and sizes? • Facilitate provision of new homes in communities with sense of place and adequate access to facilities? • Facilitate provision of new homes which are easy to maintain and heat and which minimise the impact on the environment?

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Health	Improve overall levels of physical and mental health, reduce the disparities between different groups and different areas	• Address health and welfare needs and inequalities in the area? • Encourage healthy lifestyles (including travel choices)? • Improve sporting or recreational facilities and access to them? • Improve access to high quality health facilities • Increase no.of people in urban areas with access to public open space
Crime	To improve community safety, reduce the incidences of crime and the fear of crime crime and anti-social behaviour – a safe place to live	• Reduce incidences of crime? • Reduce the fear of crime? • Ensure design and layout minimises the opportunity for crime? • Provide safer communities and help to create safer communities?
Community	Value and nurture a sense of belonging in a cohesive community whilst respecting diversity	• Increase the ability of people to influence decisions? • Improve cultural diversity? • Create or sustain a vibrant community? • Encourage engagement in community activities? • Meet specific needs of a section of the community • Will it maintain and enhance community facilities and provide locations for community level activities and organisations?
Skills	To improve overall levels of education and skills	• Improve access to educational/learning or training facilities for all ages?

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		• Will it help to improve peoples skills? • Will it improve uptake of learning and training in urban and rural areas?
Liveability	To create healthy, clean and pleasant environments for people to enjoy living, working and recreating in and to protect and enhance residential amenity	• Reduce noise pollution? • Improve the cleanliness of the environment? • Reduce unpleasant odours? • Improve the satisfaction of people with their neighbourhoods? • And improve /safeguard tranquillity • Minimise light pollution or reduce or remove light pollution
Effective protection of the environment		
Biodiversity	To protect, conserve and enhance biodiversity,geodiversity, wildlife habitats and green infrastructure to achieve a net gain an to avoid habitat fragmentation	• Protect and enhance sites of acknowledged importance for wildlife (SSSIs, CWS, LNRs)? • Avoid harm to and enhance opportunities for protected species and others listed in the Northamptonshire Red Data Book? • Create habitats of value for wildlife in particular those which meet BAP target? • Improve the connectivity of green spaces and green networks? • Improve appropriate access to natural areas? • Avoid fragmentation of habitats? • Create new greenspace networks? • Improve management of habitats?

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		• Will it allow biodiversity to adapt to the impacts of climate change?
Landscape	To protect and enhance the quality, character and local distinctiveness of the natural and cultural landscape and the built environment	• Ensure that landscape character, including historic landscape character, and townscape assessments are used to assess the capacity of areas to absorb new development thereby influencing the location and scale of development • Ensure landscape Character Assessment influences design of the built environment and networks of green infrastructure • Maintain and enhance the quality of the built environment? • Protect, maintain, enhance and expand good quality of open space within and adjacent to settlements? • Create buildings and spaces that are attractive, functional, adaptable and durable that compliment, enhance and support local character? • Encourage the re-use of and refurbishment of the existing built environment?
Cultural Heritage	Protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historic, archaeological, architectural and artistic interest and their settings	• Protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value and their setting? • Protect and enhance sites of geological value?
Climate Change	Reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and impact of climate change (adaptation)	• Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases? • Increase tree cover?

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		• Ensure adaptability of environments and buildings to natural hazards? • Promote resource efficient buildings? • Encourage innovation in sustainable design and construction?
Prudent Use of natural resources		
Air	To maintain or improve local air quality	• Reduce traffic related pollution? • Minimise or reduce light pollution? • Reduce levels of dust or particulates?
Water	Maintain or improve the quality of ground and surface water resources and minimise the demand for water	• Minimise or reduce the risk of pollution to water? • Encourage water efficiency? • Will it reduce levels of pollution to water (SUDS)? • Reduce water consumption? • Ensure capacity of available water resources, taking into account climate change?
Natural Hazard	Reduce the impact of flooding and avoid additional risk	• Reduce the risk of/effects of flooding, taking into account climate change? • Encourage Sustainable Drainage Systems? • Ensure adaptability of environments and buildings to natural hazards?
Soil and Land	Ensure the efficient use of land and maintain the resource of productive soil	• Maintain the best and most versatile agricultural land? • Reduce the risk of land contamination • Remediate contaminated land? • Minimise the loss of green field land? • Maximise the use of Brownfield land?

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		• Maximise densities?
Minerals	Ensure the efficient use of minerals and primary resources	• Avoid the sterilisation of known minerals reserves? • Promote the appropriate use of primary and secondary aggregates? • Will it make use of previously developed land or buildings?
Energy Use	To mitigate climate change by minimising carbon based energy usage by increasing energy efficiency and to develop North Northamptonshires renewable energy resource, reducing dependency on non-renewable resources.	• Minimise or reduce energy use? • Promote energy efficient buildings? • Help develop the areas renewable energy resource? • Reduce the dependency on non-renewable resources? • Encourage the development of renewable energy generation schemes (eg. Wind)? • Encourage community heating schemes or combined heat and power? • Encourage small scale schemes in developments (eg. Solar)
Waste	To reduce waste arisings and increase reuse, recycling and composting	• Promote resource efficient buildings? • Encourage the use of recycled materials? • Reduce the production of waste?
Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment		
Employment	Maintain and enhance employment opportunities and to reduce the disparities arising from unequal access to jobs	• Provide new jobs? • Encourage efficient patterns of movement? • Increase the proportion of knowledge based and high tech businesses? • Will it sustain and promote jobs in urban and rural

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		areas? • Increase the diversity and quality of employment opportunities in the rural area • Will it utilise and enhance the existing infrastructure? • Will it help maintain a transport network that minimises the impact on the environment? • Will it help sustain existing businesses?
Wealth Creation	Retain and enhance the factors which are conducive to wealth creation, including personal creativity, infrastructure and the local strengths and qualities that are attractive to visitors and investors	• Encourage enterprise and innovation? • Exploit opportunities for new technologies? • Enhance and promote the image of the area as a business and a sustainable tourist location? • Improve House price/earnings ratio?
Town Centres	Protect and enhance the vitality and viability of town centres and market towns	• Retain and develop a wide range of uses, attractions and amenities? • Ensure good accessibility to and within the centre? • Attract continuing investment in development or refurbishment • Encourage the evening economy • Encourage increased housing