

Sedgefield Borough Council

Local Development Framework:  
Residential Extensions Supplementary  
Planning Document

Assessment for Soundness

September 2005

## Test of Soundness Matrix

Test of Soundness Indicator	How Sedgefield Borough has complied with Indicator
It has been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme	The Local Development Scheme identifies that the Draft Residential Extensions SPD should come forward in September 2005.
It has been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement, or with the minimum requirements set out in the Regulations where no SCI exists	Refer to Statement of Consultation
The Plan and policies have been subjected to Sustainability Appraisal	The Draft SPD has been subject to Sustainability Appraisal and this accompanies the SPD.
It is a spatial plan which is consistent with national planning policy and in general conformity with Regional Spatial Strategy, and it has properly had regard to any other relevant plans, policies and strategies	It is consistent with the implementation of a detailed development control policy in the Local Plan. It does take into account the issues raised in the Key Issues Paper that was released for consultation in July 2005.
It has had regard to the Community Strategy	The Draft SPD will help meet two aims of the Community Strategy: An Attractive Borough and Strong Communities
The strategies/policies/allocations in the plan are coherent and consistent within and between Development Plan Documents	The Draft SPD provides detailed advice and guidance to support the implementation of saved Policies H15 and H16 of the Borough Local Plan
The strategies/policies/allocations represent the most appropriate in all the circumstances, having considered the relevant alternatives, and they are founded on a robust and credible evidence base	The Draft SPD is based upon national best practice, refined to suit local circumstances, and takes account of the clear evidence that the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance Note 4, adopted in 2000, has become out-of-date and requires urgent review. This issue is fully considered within the Sustainability Appraisal
There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring	The Sustainability Appraisal identifies a number of indicators to help monitor the implementation of the Draft SPD. Existing monitoring arrangements will need to be modified to take account of the new requirements

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The plan is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances	The Draft SPD will be monitored to ensure that it being correctly implemented. Where the need arises, the Annual Monitoring Report will identify the need to replace the SPD and keep it up-to-date with national best practice

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