

Appendix 1

Comparison of the SEA Directive Topic Areas with Cumbria's Sustainability Objectives

The topic areas listed in the Directive are not explained in any detail and in some cases it has been necessary to make some assumptions particularly relating to population and material assets. However this comparison has been drawn up to demonstrate that sustainability appraisal carried out using the Sustainable Development Framework for Cumbria meets the requirements of the SEA Regulations 2004.

The SEA Directive Topic Areas	Cumbria's Sustainability Objectives
Biodiversity, flora and fauna	EN1 To protect and enhance biodiversity
Population	SP1 to increase the level of participation in democratic processes; SP2 To improve access to services, facilities, the countryside and open spaces; SP4 To improve the levels of skills, education and training; SP 6 To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open minded communities with a strong sense of local history; EC1 To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities; EC2 To improve access to jobs;
Human health	SP5 To improve the health and sense of well-being of people;
Soil	NR3 To restore and protect land and soil;
Water	NR2 To improve water quality and water resources;
Air	NR1 to improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gases;
Climatic factors	NR1 to improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gases;
Material assets	SP3 To provide everyone with a decent home; NR4 To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste; EC3 To diversify and strengthen the local economy;
Cultural heritage	EN3 To improve the quality of the built environment;
Landscape	EN2 To preserve, enhance and manage landscape quality and character for future generations;