Strategic environmental assessment process

Stage A: Screening
1. Determine whether the neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects
2. Consult the environmental assessment consultation bodies

Stage B: Setting the context and objectives, establishing the baseline and deciding on the scope
1. Identify other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives
2. Collect baseline information
3. Identify sustainability issues and problems
4. Develop the strategic environmental assessment framework
5. Consult the environmental assessment consultation bodies on the scope of the strategic environmental assessment

Stage C: Developing and refining alternatives and assessing effects
1. Test the neighbourhood plan objectives against the strategic environmental assessment framework
2. Develop the neighbourhood plan options including reasonable alternatives
3. Evaluate the likely effects of the neighbourhood plan and alternatives
4. Consider ways of mitigating adverse effects and maximising beneficial effects
5. Propose measures to monitor the significant effects of implementing the neighbourhood plan

Stage D: Prepare the Environmental Report

Stage E: Publish and consult the consultation bodies and the public on the environmental report

Stage F: Post making reporting and monitoring
1. Prepare and publish post-adoption statement
2. Monitor significant effects of implementing the neighbourhood plan
3. Respond to adverse effects

Neighbourhood plan preparation

Evidence gathering and engagement

Prepare the pre-submission neighbourhood plan

Pre-submission publicity and consultation on the neighbourhood plan

Submit draft neighbourhood plan to local planning authority

Local planning authority publicises and invites representations on the neighbourhood plan and makes all submission documents available

Neighbourhood plan sent for examination along with submission documents

Referendum

Neighbourhood plan made

Monitoring
Monitor and report on the implementation of the neighbourhood plan