

<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations requirements checklist</b>	<b>Plan-making stage</b>
<p><b>Preparation of environmental report (regulation 12)</b></p> <p>Preparation of an environmental report that identifies describes and evaluates the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme (regulation 12(2)).</p> <p>The report shall include such of the information referred to in Schedule 2 as may reasonably be required, taking into account current knowledge and methods of assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme, its stage in the decision-making process and the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in the process to avoid duplication of the assessment (regulation 12(3)). Information may be provided by reference to relevant information obtained at other levels of decision-making or through other EU legislation (regulation 12 (4)).</p> <p>When deciding on the scope and level of detail of information to be included in the environmental report the consultation bodies should be consulted.</p>	<p>For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stages A-C of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p> <p>For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stages B-D of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p><b>The information referred to in Schedule 2 is:</b></p> <p><b>a)</b> An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme, and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes.</p>	<p>For Local Plans see Stage A of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p> <p>For neighbourhood plans see Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p><b>b)</b> The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme.</p>	<p>For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage A of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p> <p>For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p><b>c)</b> The environment characteristics of areas likely to be</p>	<p>For Local Plans see</p>

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significantly affected.	Stage A of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> . For neighbourhood plans see Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> .
<b>d)</b> Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives <a href="#">2009/147/EC (Conservation of Wild Birds)</a> and <a href="#">92/43/EEC (Habitats Directive)</a> .	For Local Plans see Stage A of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> . For neighbourhood plans see Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> .
<b>e)</b> The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or national level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation.	For Local Plans see Stages A and B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> . For neighbourhood plans see Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> .
<b>f)</b> The likely significant effects on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscapes and the interrelationship between the above factors. These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects.	For Local Plans see Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> . For neighbourhood plans see Stage C of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> .
<b>g)</b> The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme.	For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> and Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> . For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> and Stage C of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> .
<b>h)</b> An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical	For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> and Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a> .

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<p>deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information.</p>	<p>For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> and Stage C of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p>i) A description of measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with regulation 17.</p>	<p>For Local Plans see Stage B of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>. For neighbourhood plans see Stage C of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p>j) A non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings.</p>	<p>For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage C of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>. For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage D of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p><b>Consultation procedures (regulation 13)</b></p> <p>As soon as reasonably practicable after their preparation, the draft plan or programme and environmental report shall be sent to the consultation bodies and brought to the attention of the public, who should be invited to express their opinion. The period within which opinions must be sent must be of such length as will ensure an effective opportunity to express their opinion.</p>	<p>For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> and Stage A of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>. For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> and Stage E of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>
<p><b>Information as to adoption of plan or programme (regulation 16)</b></p> <p>As soon as reasonably practicable after the plan or programme is adopted, the consultation bodies, the public and the Secretary of State (who will inform any other EU Member States consulted) shall be informed and the following made available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the plan or programme adopted</li> <li>• the environmental report</li> </ul>	<p>For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage E of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>. For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage F of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a statement summarising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;</li> <li>(b) how the environmental report has been taken into account;</li> <li>(c) how opinions expressed in response to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the invitation referred to in regulation 13(2)(d);</li> <li>(ii) action taken by the responsible authority in accordance with regulation 13(4),</li> </ul> </li> <li>have been taken into account;</li> <li>(d) how the results of any consultations entered into under regulation 14(4) have been taken into account;</li> <li>(e) the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and</li> <li>(f) the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme. (regulation 16)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Monitoring of implementation of plans or programmes (regulation 17)</b></p> <p>Monitoring of significant environmental effects of the plan's or programme's implementation with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action (regulation 17 (1)). Monitoring arrangements may comprise or include arrangements established for other purposes (regulation 17 (2)).</p>	<p>For Local Plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage E of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>. For neighbourhood plans see <a href="#">here</a> and Stage F of this <a href="#">flowchart</a>.</p>