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| **Appendix II: Review of Key Issues and SA Objectives**  |

**Key Issues**

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| **Key Issues carried forward from City Plan Part 1 Sustainability Appraisal Summary (Feb 2012)** | **2016 review following updated baseline information and PP Review** | **Revised Key Issue 2016** |
| **Environmental** |
| Many of the un-built parts of the City are of significant landscape and/or nature conservation importance, particularly Sites of Special Scientific Interest  | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| A large proportion of the City falls within the River Severn floodplain | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Gloucester has an important built and cultural heritage with significant Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Certain areas of the City suffer from traffic congestion and there is a need to encourage a move away from the dependency on the private motor car | There are also key traffic hotspots in the Plan area which have resulted in poor air quality and the designation of 3 AQMAs, addressing existing air quality issues should be a key issue. | Key issues separated and clarified as follows:Certain areas of the City suffer from traffic congestion and poor air quality. There is a need to encourage a move away from the dependence on the private motor car |
| There is a need to ensure carbon emissions are minimised | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Previously developed land may be subject to contamination | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| The City needs to protect areas of public open space and green corridors/networks | GI should also be accessible and connected at a strategic level. | Amended as follows:The City needs to protect areas of public open space and green corridors/networks and provide a comprehensive, connected and accessible network of spaces. |
| N/A | The 2016 update to the baseline information and PP Review has identified two new environmental key issues for the Plan area. | New Key Issues:There is a requirement to maintain and improve the ecological status of the River Basin. |
| There is a national requirement to minimise waste production and waste sent to landfill. |
| **Economic** |
| There are areas of the City that experience high unemployment rates | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| There is a growth in the service job sector and a need to protect from a significant decline in manufacturing industry | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| High levels of in-commuting | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Limited early hours / evening economy | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Need to plan for and protect quality employment land and ensure a future supply | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| There are older, less attractive employment areas | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Lack of overnight tourist visitors | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Poor retail provision compared to the size of Gloucester’s shopper population | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| N/A | The 2016 update to the baseline information and PP Review has identified one new economic key issue.  | New Key Issue:There are opportunities to connect new employment development with key transport infrastructure projects (e.g. the M5 and Blackfriars to support the growth zone identified in the Strategic Economic Plan, and alongside the new bus station). |
| **Social** |
| There is acute housing ‘need’ in the City | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| ‘Pockets’ of acute deprivation exist in some parts of the City | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| There is a significant growth in the population predicted, particularly in the young and working age bands | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Growth in the number of households, in particular single person households | This issue could be expanded, as the growth in single person households is in disparity with the existing housing stock that is currently dominated by semi-detached housing. | Amended as follows:Growth in the number of households, in particular single person households, and a need to balance the housing stock to accommodate this. |
| Educational achievement needs improving | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| Homelessness | Remains current and valid. | No change |
| N/A | The 2016 update to the baseline information and PP Review has identified five new social key issues. | New Key Issues:There are inequalities in opportunity across the Plan area. |
| High levels of obesity in both adults and children. |
| Crime and fear of crime. |
| Localism driving increased local level participation. |
| Advanced understanding of adequate protection for cultural heritage. |

**SA Objectives**

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| **Strategic Level GCT JCS SA Objectives** | **Relevant Local Level GCP SA Objectives** | **2016 Review Update** | **Revised SA Objective 2016** |
| 1. Biodiversity - Safeguard and enhance biodiversity and improve connectivity between green spaces and functional habitats | 1. Protect, restore, create and enhance habitats, species and sites of wildlife or geological interest | Suggest that this is revised to ensure that connectivity at the strategic scale is aimed for and monitored in line with the GCT JCS framework | 1. Protect, restore, create, enhance and improve connectivity between habitats, species and sites of wildlife or geological interest |
| 2. Climate Change Mitigation - Reduce contribution to climate change and support households and businesses in reducing their carbon footprint | 2. Reduce contribution to climate change, and improve the resilience of people, businesses and the environment to the unavoidable consequences of climate change3. Support households and businesses in reducing their carbon footprint and the use of natural resources | Adaptation and mitigation mixed, suggest this is revised for clarification | 2. Reduce contribution to climate change and support households and businesses in reducing their carbon footprint and the use of natural resources |
| 3. Climate Change Adaptation - Adapt to the consequences of climate change | 3. Improve the resilience of people, businesses and the environment to the unavoidable consequences of climate change. |
| 4. Flooding - Manage and reduce flood risk and surface water run-off. | 5. Protect floodplain from development likely to exacerbate flooding problems from all sources | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 5. |
| 5. Natural Environment and Resources: Quality - Protect and improve the quality of natural resources including soil, water and landscape | 7. Improve soil quality8. Protect and enhance landscaped character | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 7 and 8. |
| 6. Natural Environment and Resources: Use - Minimise the use of natural resources including soil, water and greenfield land through good design | 4. Reduce water use and conserve and improve water resources15. Integrate sustainable construction principles and standards into all development schemes | SA Objective 4 could be clarified to directly address both water resources and water qualityNo update | 4. Reduce water use and conserve and improve the quality of water bodies in the Plan areaNo change to GCP SA Objective 15. |
| 7. Historic Environment - Protect and enhance the area’s distinctive historic environment | 9. Protect and enhance the distinctive townscape quality and historic heritage | In line with the NPPF, the setting of heritage assets is also considered. | 9. Protect and enhance the distinctive townscape quality and historic heritage and its setting. |
| 8. Sustainable Transport - Improve accessibility, maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport and reduce the need to travel by the private car | 6. Reduce the need to travel and maximise the use of sustainable modes of transport | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 6. |
| 9. Waste and Pollution - Minimise pollution and waste to landfill | 10. Minimise the volume of waste created and promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle)11. Improve air quality, reduce noise and light pollution and reduce the amount of contaminated land | No update | No change to GCP SA Objectives 10 and 11. |
| 10. The Economy - Ensure the availability of employment land and premises to encourage inward investment and support growth of existing businesses | 12. Ensure the availability of employment land and premises to secure future prosperity potential 13. Support the economy by helping new and existing businesses to fulfil their potential | No update | No change to GCP SA Objectives 12 and 13 |
| 11. City and Town Centres - Support the vitality and viability of city and town centres as retail, service, leisure and learning destinations | 14. Support the vitality and viability of city and town centres as retail, service, leisure and learning destinations | In the local level plan, this could include local centres. | 14. Support the vitality and viability of the city centre as a retail, service, leisure and learning destination, and local centres that support local needs |
| 12. Sustainable Communities - Reduce inequalities in wellbeing and opportunity | 16. Reduce inequalities in wellbeing and opportunity | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 16. |
| 13. Sustainable Communities - Reduce crime and the fear of crime | 21. Reduce crime and the fear of crime | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 21. |
| 14. Health - Improve access to health facilities and promote healthy lifestyles | 17. Improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of local residents, with good access to community health facilities | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 17. |
| 15. Housing - Ensure everyone has access to a decent home that they can afford and meets their needs | 18. Ensure the availability of housing land and premises including affordable housing to meet local need | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 18. |
| 16. Green Space - Create, enhance, protect, connect and improve access to open spaces | 19. Minimise development on open space and green spaces20. Maximise opportunities for the creation of new and enhancement of existing open spaces | No recommendations for SA Objective 19.SA Objective 20 could be directly linked to accessibility to enhance the health benefits of GI for people. The overall connectivity of these spaces should also be considered in line with the Open Space Strategy. | No change to GCP SA Objective 19.20. Maximise opportunities for the creation of new and enhancement of existing open spaces in accessible and connected locations |
| 17. Education and Skills - Improve access to education and life-long learning and enhance skills | 24. Support the development of accessible education, skills and learning, to meet the needs of both employers and the working population | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 24. |
| 18. Culture and Tourism - Protect and enhance cultural heritage and promote tourism | 25. Protect and enhance the cultural heritage and offering of individual settlements | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 25. |
| N/A | 22. Encourage everyone to participate in local decision making | No update | No change to GCP SA Objective 22. |
|  |  | It should be noted that the GCP SA Objectives do not run consecutively, SA Objective 23 is missing. |  |