

## **Matter 2: Sustainability Appraisal**

### ***Issue 2a: Soundness of the Sustainability Appraisal***

- Q1. Is the Plan based on a sound process of Sustainability Appraisal?
- Q2. Has the Sustainability Appraisal been undertaken at each stage of the Plan's preparation to clearly justify the Council's policy choices?
- Q3. Does the Sustainability Appraisal process represent the only site selection methodology or has the Council used any other process?
- Q4. Does it test reasonable alternatives? Has the Sustainability Appraisal been robustly prepared with a comparative and equal assessment undertaken of each reasonable alternative?
- Q5. Is the Sustainability Appraisal decision making and scoring robust, justified and transparent?
- Q6. How has the Sustainability Appraisal process given appropriate consideration to minerals and coal mining issues? Has the Sustainability Appraisal taken into account the presence of, and implications of, Minerals Safeguarding and Consultations Areas?
- Q7. Does it represent the most appropriate strategy in the circumstances?
- Q8. Does the final report set out the reasons for rejecting earlier options?