

Appendix C

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Table 9-1: Page 41	In conjunction with the drive to provide more family sized houses, there is a need to ensure sufficient accommodation for the elderly and student population is provided.	Policy H2 Housing Mix is seeking a range of housing types and tenures both in order to meet a range of household sizes, ages and incomes. This is felt to adequately provide for the needs of specialist groups such as elderly people and students sought by this recommendation. Student accommodation may include development that falls outside of planning use class C3 (dwellings) which is unaffected by the proposed housing policies. Further guidance will be in the Development Management Plan. Therefore NO CHANGE is proposed
Table 9-6: Page 60	There is an opportunity for the council to promote the use of "secure by design" in the design and construction of new buildings	Review this as part of Development Management Plan preparation. NO CHANGE to the Planning Strategy is necessary
Table 9-7: Page 63	The development of tourist attractions and accommodation should be supported providing it does not detract from the local distinctiveness of the site.	Tourist attractions and accommodation are subject to general planning policies just like any other developments. These are considered to adequately provide the control sought by this recommendation. Therefore NO CHANGE is proposed.
Table 9-8: Page 66	The stated preference for development to be sited on previously developed land should be incorporated into the policy text.	National planning guidance requires LPAs to manage housing delivery and to maintain a continuous 5-year housing land supply. Although our preference will be for the development of brownfield land first, in order to maintain flexibility around

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		housing delivery, and taking into account prevailing housing market conditions and individual site viability, a mix of both brownfield and greenfield land may be needed to meet the 5-year supply. Therefore NO CHANGE is proposed
Table 9-20: Page 72	Policy FA2 (j) should require development to take account of anticipated future climate change and its impact on flooding	Amend Policy FA2 (j) to read "ensure all developments take account of past flooding <i>and the impact of anticipated future climate changes on flooding</i> and aim to reduce the overall.....
	Policy FA2 (j) should refer to sustainable drainage "systems" not "techniques" to avoid any ambiguity	Amend last part of Policy FA2 (j) to read "...and the application of sustainable drainage <i>systems</i> "
	Policy SC1 (g) should be re-worded to "managing flood risk and reducing the potential effects of climate change on <i>existing and future</i> communities"	Amend Policy SC1 (g) to read "managing flood risk and reducing the potential effects of climate change on <i>existing and future</i> communities"
	Policy SC6 (now SC7) should clarify exactly what is meant by "positive adaption"	Delete the word "Positive". It is clarified to a degree further on in the sentence "...through a variety of suitable measures, including the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems"
Table 9-42: Page 78	Policy FA4 (Strategy for St Leonards) could include specific reference to promoting more sustainable modes of transport including walking and cycling	Add an extra bullet point (m) " <i>promote and encourage sustainable modes of transport, specifically through the improvement of pedestrian and cycle routes</i> "
	Policy T3 (Sustainable Transport) could specifically support bus priority lanes and junction approaches as part of improving bus routes	Amend bullet first point "improving bus routes, <i>through support for the provision and improvement of bus priority lanes and junction approaches, services and passenger facilities</i> "
Table 9-53:	Policy FA1 should refer to CCHP/CHP as	Amend bullet point (l) to read " <i>explore opportunities for</i>

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Page 81/82	appropriate in the light of anticipated hotter drier summers	<i>combined heat and power (CHP) connected to district heating systems or combined cooling, heat and power (CCHP) for development proposals within the vicinity of the Conquest Hospital"</i>
	Policy SC2 (now SC3) should promote the use of waste hierarchy in specifying building materials for new development	Include new paragraph at end of new policy SC2 <i>"Developments should follow the waste hierarchy, as set out in the prevailing Defra guidance¹, in the choice of building materials and construction methods used, and include this in the Design and Access Statement"</i>
	Policy SC3 (now SC4) should refer to CCHP/CHP as appropriate	Include in bullet point 2 "provide on site renewable energy generation or onsite connected heating, or Combined Heat and Power (CHP) technologies, or <i>Combined Cooling, Heat and Power (CCHP) systems, then...."</i>
	Policy SC5 (now SC6) could be re-worded to make distinctions between large scale and small scale renewable technologies reflecting their different level of impacts	Bullet point 1 of Policy SC6 makes reference to scale, form and design Therefore NO CHANGE is proposed
Table 9-75: Page 84/85	Planning Strategy should make specific reference to supporting the deployment of small scale renewable development in new and existing buildings.	Add to the end of paragraph 6.5: <i>The council also recognises that existing buildings, too, can add to the town's overall carbon emissions and therefore these should be considered in any strategy towards dealing with climate change. Private and community energy generation or water harvesting also has the potential to reduce utility bills</i>
	The planning strategy should promote the	

¹ Defra, 2011 Guidance on applying the Waste Hierarchy <http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2011/06/15/pb13530-waste-hierarchy-guidance/> or as superseded

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	installation of energy efficiency measures in existing buildings recognising the contribution they can make to fuel poverty.	<i>and fuel poverty. We will encourage the installation of renewable energy and micro-generation technologies and energy and water efficiency measures within existing development</i>
Table 9-17: Page 89	Policy T3 (Sustainable Transport) could specifically support bus priority lanes and junction approaches as part of improving bus routes	Amend bullet point 1 "improving bus routes, <i>through support for the provision and improvement of bus priority lanes and junction approaches, services and passenger facilities</i> "
Table 9-18: Page 92	The Planning Strategy or the forthcoming Development Management Plan should set out a strategy to ensure that the number of vacant premises is reduced in shopping centres (i.e. make best use of land) given national trends that mean shopping centres can face an uncertain future	This is already being examined as part of the preparation work for the Development Management Plan. NO CHANGE to the Planning Strategy necessary.