

# Appendix B

## Summary of Responses to the Scoping Report

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Respondent	Question / Reference	Answer	LBN response
r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn	Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.	It's very dense and boring to read. Could it not have been set out more like the Issues and Options document (which was too long, but that's another matter) so it's more appealing and easy to follow?	Noted. The IIA is governed by legislative requirements which outline the types of information and data it has to assess. The IIA consultant will produce a executive summary written in plain English for the final report.
r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn	What other sources of data and evidence we should we consider?	I don't know. I couldn't easily find what data and evidence you considered in the first place.	The scoping report sets out where the variety of data has been collected from as part of each section.
r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn	Are there any equalities issues we have not identified?	I don't know.	Noted.
r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn	Are there any other health issues we have not identified?	I don't know what you mean by that. It could be interpreted in different ways. I tried searching on "health issue" in case you had defined it, but no.	The Health Impact Assessment baseline (pages 65-70) sets out health issues in the borough, supported by the Health and Wellbeing strategy evidence base.
r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn	Are there other prompt questions we should consider as part of the Equalities Impact Assessment framework?	I don't know what you mean.	The Equalities Impact Assessment has prompt questions that explain what the EQIA will be assessing, using the protected characteristics from the 2010 Equality Act. This is contained between pages 56-61
r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn	Please provide any other comments on the Equalities Impact Assessment Scoping Report.	It's very dense and boring to read. Could it not have been set out more like the Issues and Options document (which was too long, but that's another matter) so it's more appealing and easy to follow?	Noted. The IIA is governed by legislative requirements which outline the types of information and data it has to assess. The IIA consultant will produce a executive summary written in plain English for the final report.

<p>r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn</p>	<p>Please provide any other comments on the Health Impact Assessment Scoping Report.</p>	<p>It's very dense and boring to read. Could it not have been set out more like the Issues and Options document (which was too long, but that's another matter) so it's more appealing and easy to follow?</p>	<p>Noted. The IIA is governed by legislative requirements which outline the types of information and data it has to assess. The IIA consultant will produce a executive summary written in plain English for the final report.</p>
<p>r0li9px7nxwp dqy8r0li9p3i 4estjbn</p>	<p>Please state</p>	<p>What is the question? Is this the general comments section? If so then we need more equity. It's not about equality, it's about equity. For example, providing a gym so people can get fit only goes so far: what about the socio-economically disadvantaged who are less likely to be able to afford gym fees, and/or to have the time to make the return journey (if it's a 15-minute walk then that's an extra 30-minutes they need to find, compared to people who can just drive there), and/or to know about the various social media feeds that would tell them about the gym's existence and any special offers. It might not be possible to fit in more gyms, so how about installing more outdoor gyms so people can instantly see that they are nearby and obviously free to use? More community space both indoors and outdoors. People need more opportunities to meet, socialise, be active, discover interests, share knowledge/information/skills, and create social and support networks. The more connected a community is, the more we can help ourselves and each other without relying so much on local authority services.</p>	<p>Noted. The IIA is governed by legislative requirements which outline the types of information and data it has to assess. Equality is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: Improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities. This objective includes a consideration of affordability where it would impact health inequalities.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Encouraging of greener transport via public transport / walking / cycling by financially penalising car owners without considering individual circumstances(e.g. emergency services workers, those with disability or health conditions but yet not serious enough to justify a blue badge) is unhelpful.</p>	<p>Noted. Accessibility is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road. Accessibility is about ensuring that those with different mobility needs are also able to travel around the borough.</p>
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Additionally the public transport options are extremely limited with many residential areas over 15 minute walk from a DLR station which are typically only every 8-10 minutes. Bus services are also infrequent, unreliable and tend to take extremely long routes e.g. Canning town by car 5 minutes, Canning town by bus 30 minutes. It does not appear Newham have pushed TFL for more frequent nor efficient routes and instead have potentially looked to reduce routes. Once crossrail opens a direct bus route to Custom House station would be of great benefit in encouraging residents of local areas who are put off by the long walk to commute into central London as currently this does not exist.</p>	<p>Noted. Public transport is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road.</p> <p>Your comment regarding specific route requirements have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Additionally, residents may wish to cycle or walk more but the safety issues in Beckton are often off-putting. Limited and elongated walking routes due to many dead end roads/ close layout of residential areas and lack of street lighting in 'cut throughs' alongside significant ASB that is constantly ignored by local government leaves many residents feeling unsafe to do so.</p>	<p>Noted. The quality of active travel provision is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: "Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road."</p> <p>Your comments regarding the street layout in Beckton have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>There is also a significant bike theft issue in Beckton and the wider Newham area having had 2 locked up bikes stolen in less than 12 months 1 from outside of a train station and 1 from inside the secure bike storage within the underground residents only car park in our apartment block and an attempted theft at Gallions Reach retail park</p>	<p>Noted. The quality of active travel provision and crime are important considerations in the appraisal and they are included as two of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of these Objective is: "Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road." and "Contribute towards reducing crime and the fear of crime"</p> <p>The policies in the Local Plan will be assessed against these objectives. Your comments regarding cycle theft and need for improved cycle parking have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Dealing with bike thefts and providing SECURE bike storage (even at a cost where people pay for access and are provided a code for example) in key locations such as high streets, retail parks and at DLR / Tube stations would further encourage people to cycle to these locations without fear of their property being stolen.</p>	<p>Noted. The quality of active travel provision and crime are important considerations in the appraisal and they are included as two of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of these Objectives are: "Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road." and "Contribute towards reducing crime and the fear of crime"</p> <p>The policies in the Local Plan will be assessed against these objectives. Your comments regarding cycle theft and need for improved cycle parking have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>I notice the proposal mentions cycle routes which could do with being more frequent and better lit with patrols for ASB but all of this is redundant if bikes are not safe to be left at your end destination as people will only then use them for leisurely bicycle rides as opposed to as a means of actual transport which is what would really be of impact to the environment.</p>	<p>Noted. The quality of active travel provision and crime are important considerations in the appraisal and they are included as two of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of these Objective is: "Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road." and "Contribute towards reducing crime and the fear of crime"</p> <p>The policies in the Local Plan will be assessed against these objectives. Your comments regarding cycle theft and need for improved cycle parking as well as improved lighting on cycle routes have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>I have noticed the plan discussed wanting new businesses to come to the area and I have noticed unfortunately in many areas of Newham the profile of businesses (aside from supermarkets) is either retail (mainly standard high street brands as opposed to local businesses), betting shops, fast food takeaways and convenience stores.</p>	<p>Noted. Quality and variety of local businesses is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as two of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of these Objectives are "Promote diverse and economically thriving town centres" and "Encourage growth of local businesses, attract inward investment and increase employment"</p> <p>Your comments regarding retail variety, hot food takeaways and the growth in new businesses have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>There is very little hospitality and leisure in Newham with few cafes, bars and restaurants outside of the Excel area which are generally a sign of a more prosperous area and attract people from outside of the immediate area</p>	<p>The quality of neighbourhoods is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: "Ensure that neighbourhoods are liveable, safe, high quality with good accessibility to retail, leisure, culture, healthcare, education and open space". The Local Plan policies will be assessed against the objectives.</p> <p>Your comments regarding the need for places to eat and drink have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>. I notice several disused structures in the various parks which would be ideal for a cafe / small restaurant but yet they remain empty, dilapidated and an eyesore. If even one of these was turned into a cafe with an incentivised rent to a local person for example it would not only provide opportunity for a new business and employment of other residents, it would also improve the parks appearance and act as a place to bring residents together.</p>	<p>The quality of parks and local businesses are important considerations in the appraisal and they are included as two of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of these Objective are: "improving existing green &amp; blue infrastructure and open spaces" and "Encourage growth of local businesses, attract inward investment and increase employment". The Local Plan policies will be assessed against the objectives.</p> <p>Your comments regarding the opportunity to improve facilities in parks have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Further to the above on the topics of green space Newham council has recently made the decision to shut Beckton farm despite no public engagement and significant concerns raised and a highly signed petition. The farm and the centre it contained were not only a highlight of the area and very important to parents and schools particularly for vulnerable or low income families and those with SENs for whom they provided an experience both beneficial to educational and health they also acted as a hub for the community and if it would have been properly publicised and better treated it would have no doubt attracted visitors from outside the immediate local community. It is a disastrous outcome that the farm, which could have achieved many of the objectives that the sorts of initiatives this 'Local Plan' looks to achieve (improving health, education, green space, things for children, things for disabled, safe spaces etc.), was</p>	<p>The quality of parks and community facilities are important considerations in the appraisal and they are included as two of the Sustainability Objectives. The wording of these Objectives are "improve existing green &amp; blue infrastructure and open spaces" and "Provide quality community facilities and infrastructure in the right location for residents". The Local Plan policies will be assessed against the objectives.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the closure and future of Newham City Farm have also been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>



		<p>closed despite public outcry against this and without any meaningful engagement.</p>	
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>The council clearly does not look to practice what it preaches as this was a clear example of the PEOPLE of Newham NOT being at the heart of what you do. You would rather plug excessive amounts into lengthy consultations on new initiatives than to look at what you have and how to improve that to be of greater benefit. The farm may have not been in the best shape, as was mandated to close during COVID and had lacked investment funding from the council or other sources but instead of trying to polish up this potential diamond of a local resource the council instead closes it to fit its own agenda.</p>	<p>The quality of parks and community facilities are important considerations in the appraisal and they are included as two of the Sustainability Objectives that policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of these Objectives are "improving existing green &amp; blue infrastructure and open spaces" and "Provide quality community facilities and infrastructure in the right location for residents".</p> <p>Concerns regarding the closure and future of Newham City Farm have also been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Crime in the area is also much worse than expected in the area with theft, fly tipping, ASB, drugs, drinking and general lack of respect being major issues. The council and the stretched police service seem to be unable or unwilling to actually put resources in to solve these issues. There are clear segments of the community who have no respect for their neighbours nor the local area who continue to aggressively beg, fly tip, litter, urinate in public, thief, drink/use drugs in public, drive dangerously, park illegally (list goes on) but yet Newham does nothing. There is significant amounts of CCTV in the area yet it does not seem to be any sort of deterrent nor does it appear to be used to catch those responsible and actually hold them accountable for this criminal activity.</p>	<p>Noted. Reducing crime and the fear of crime is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives which policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is "Contribute towards reducing crime and the fear of crime".</p> <p>Comments regarding CCTV an crime have also been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Please provide any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.</p>	<p>Newham also lacks many of the events that other areas host that bring others into the area and has recently gone so far as to cancel those few events that we previously had such as bonfire night fireworks. These events bring people into the borough who then spend income here as well as bringing the existing community together for something positive."</p>	<p>Noted. Community cohesion is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives that policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is "Encourage greater community cohesion". The need for more events and opportunities to bring people together has also been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfjsnck4</p>	<p>What other sources of data and evidence we should we consider?</p>	<p>Statistics can be manipulated and misleading and at a Borough level may hide differences across the areas. Spending time with residents and actually going to different areas (particularly at night) may help the council actually see the issues of Newham through the eyes of residents and better understand what their priorities are rather than focussing on London wide objectives that may be all well and good for the more affluent areas of the city but when Newham hasn't even got the basics right in terms of crime, housing etc. how can it be that you are trying to solve an issue like the environment instead of blue sky thinking that may help future generations (which is admirable) how about focussing on how you can make a difference to the day to day of CURRENT residents otherwise you will continue to have high turnover of residents where those who are able to as a result of having secure employment and the resources to do so will continue to leave the borough and it will never be able to succeed and will continue to have high levels of unemployment, benefits reliance and crime indefinitely.</p>	<p>Noted. Data regarding crime, housing as well as the perception of these by residents is contained within the baseline report on page 16.</p>
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<p>70bbd4algdg brosjxzw470b bmfsjnck4</p>	<p>Are there any equalities issues we have not identified?</p>	<p>You identify the different equalities but do not look to address how the intersections of the community can be better brought together through the future plans. Hospitality businesses, places of leisure and events are all key to this</p>	<p>Noted. Equality and intersectionality is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is "Encourage greater community cohesion and reduce poverty, Racism, Inequality and Disproportionality".</p> <p>The need for more events and opportunities to bring people together has also been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>In reference to the sustainability objective: 'Ensure sustainable use and protection of natural resources, including water, land and air, and reduce waste'. This objective should be expanded to consider groundwater. A key prompt question here could be "Will the policy be protective of groundwater and improve groundwater quality?" The "protective of groundwater" wording of this prompt ensures both groundwater quality and quantity issues are considered. Development should not be a detriment to groundwater flow or quantity, nor should it be a detriment to groundwater quality. A broad indicator for groundwater quality is the Water Framework Directive Groundwater water bodies. It is noted that there is one such body in Newham – the Greenwich Tertiaries and Chalk (GB40602G602500), which currently has a "poor" Water Framework Directive Cycle 2 overall classification.</p>	<p>We will expand the objective prompt questions to consider groundwater, as suggested.</p>

<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>5.A2 Collecting Baseline information</p>	<p>All the topics within our remit are listed (paragraphs 5.19 – 5.29), with relevant facts taken from the evidence listed.                  In regard to 5.29 Flood Risk, we would expect to see Table 2: Key Sources of baseline information to reference Greater London Authority, Regional Flood Risk Assessment 2018. This contains general information, and specific information on flood risk in the Royal Docks OA.                  Table 2 might also usefully reference the TE2100 Plan.                  Table 2 could also make use of the resources earlier recommended for the interactive policy map (see additional comments below).</p>	<p>We will add the points and baseline information that you suggest.</p>
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>6.A3 Identifying Local Sustainability Issues</p>	<p>In reference to Table 3: Sustainability issues and problems, we suggest adding to the bullet point in bold;                  · Continued flood risk from the sea, rivers and surface water</p>	<p>We will expand the objective prompt questions to consider flood risk from the sea, rivers and surface water, as suggested.</p>
<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>7.A4 Developing the IIA framework</p>	<p>Table 5. Sets IIA objectives, prompt questions, and indicators.                  Under ‘Ensure sustainable use and protection of natural resources, including water’, an indicator reads ‘Reduction in the amount of water used in a building’.                  This broad indicator is impractical to measure and monitor at Local Plan scale.                  We recommend you consider referring to the number of new builds approved that meet London Plan targets, and to number of existing buildings retrofitted with efficiency measures as a result of planning / building regulations approval.</p>	<p>We will modify the indicator as suggested, to ensure that it can be monitored adequately.</p>

Environment Agency	Table 6 Compatibility of IIA Objectives	Indicator 14 'Address existing open space deficiencies and improving existing green and blue infrastructure and open spaces.' Why is this shown as 'incompatible' with Indicators 4. 'Encourage growth of local businesses...', and 8. 'Increase supply of housing.'? Investment in businesses, employment and housing may well generate investment in open spaces, and green / blue infrastructure. e.g. SUDs schemes incorporated in development will provide opportunities for green / blue infrastructure, and for Indicator 15. Biodiversity.	We consider that these indicators may be incompatible due to limitations on how many ways land can be used. For example, a piece of brownfield land could become a new park in an area of open space deficiencies - or it could become a new housing site or a commercial development. As you correctly point out, it may be the case that these developments lead to improvements to indicator 14. These trade-offs have to be considered across the Plan.
Monega Association		We welcome any simplification of the Planning system, which can be bewildering to anyone other than property consultants and Council planning officers.	Noted.
Monega Association	2.1	There is a widely held understanding that the term 'sustainability' relates purely to climate change type matters, methods to address it. There seems to be a different and wider definition on this word growing.	Sustainability has a specific meaning in this context - a sustainability appraisal is an appraisal of the economic, environmental, and social effects of a plan from the outset of the preparation process to allow decisions to be made that accord with sustainable development.
Monega Association	2.6	Who inputs Health Impact Assessments into planning responses ? Local communities may have clear views on a local issue and would like to know to whom they might turn for help and support. Instance : Our local Pharmacy was twice refused planning permission to improve its premises, and helpfully told it might like to move out of the neighbourhood if it wanted to offer better facilities. An unbelievable response from Planning. That's hardly meeting the aspiration of health and wellbeing in the community.	Noted. HIA's are submitted as part of planning applications by the applicant, and should be consulted on with local residents and stakeholders before submission.

Monega Association	2.9	Why is the habitat regulation assessment limited to European significance. A local landmark tree, for instance, under threat by a property developer, falls well out of this definition. A simple tree will support wildlife of some kind.	Noted. An HRA is guided by legislation and is proportionate to the type of plan/proposal it is assessing.
Monega Association	4	We could find no Appendix 1 in the Report (unless it was table 2 ?) therefore we can only suggest that any Resident's Association's Annual Report might be worthy of voluntary inclusion, or even a Report tailored to planning matters each year.	Noted. As with this scoping report, any future scoping report will be consulted on, residents will be able to suggest additional data. Data will need to be of a suitable quality and scale to meet the regulatory requirements of a sustainability appraisal.
Monega Association	5.1	Who measures Baseline Information ? If there is an active Resident's Association in any area then they should be consulted	Noted. Each section has a source and the appendix details where data has been sourced for (page 20).

<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>5.21</p>	<p>There is no mention of publicly assessable but privately owned open spaces ? A restaurant courtyard, for instance housing a feature tree, is readily accessible during opening hours yet has no 'protection' despite being a community asset.</p>	<p>The quality of open space and biodiversity is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives which policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is:                  "Protect, enhance and increase biodiversity, habitats and species in the borough"</p> <p>The sustainability objectives have to be broad enough to be used to assess and appraise policies in the Local Plan, and it would not be appropriate to mention specific types of open space/tree locations.</p> <p>The Local Plan will address open space deficiencies, and how existing green and blue infrastructure and open spaces can be improved. As above, the IIA will assess this.</p> <p>Your comments regarding trees in a range of locations and open space have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
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<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>5.26</p>	<p>Figures on car ownership continue to be mis-interpreted. That simple figure does not take into account the type of housing locally (high rise with little parking provision) as against terraced streets where many homes will have a vehicle. One evening look down a terraced street locally and there will be about 90+ space take-up. We have seen this figure of 52% used on a local planning argument when the figure bares no relation to local circumstances.</p>	<p>The quality of transport in the borough is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives which policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is "Create accessible, safe and sustainable connections and networks by walking, cycling, public transport and road." The sustainability objectives have to be broad enough to be used to assess and appraise policies in the Local Plan, and rely on borough wide data. Individual planning applications will often be supported by more local parking assessments.</p> <p>Concerns about parking and other transport issues have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>5.27</p>	<p>Are local memorials taken into account, i.e. war memorials listed by the Imperial War Museum. Locally there is one such, yet it may well be swept away by a property developer despite only having been established two years ago. How can protection be strengthened. This relates to maintaining local distinctiveness and cultural importance.</p>	<p>The sustainability objectives have to be broad enough to be used to assess and appraise policies in the Local Plan, and rely on boroughwide data. This means protection of an individual war memorial would be out of scope of a IIA written for a Local Plan Review. However data on listed heritage assets have been considered and heritage and cultural importance is an important consideration in the appraisal and two of the sustainability objectives policies in the plan will be assessed against is: "Maintain local distinctiveness and protect and enhance place-making assets."</p>

<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Table 3. Local neighbourhood retail areas should be a major 'sustainability' issue. Town Centres are different. Much damage has been done to local communities by the current interpretation of the Local Plan in that such areas might/should be sacrificed to 'support' high streets even though this is shortsighted and against local resident interests.                  Instance. There are three shops currently empty along Katherine Road, each blighted by planning refusals, supposedly undermined by the Local Plan.                  This goes to the heart of the aspiration of neighbourhoods which are 'liveable, safe, high quality with good accessibility to retail.....etc etc'.</p>	<p>The quality of neighbourhoods is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives that policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: "Promote diverse and economically thriving town centres." and "Ensure that neighbourhoods are liveable, safe, high quality with good accessibility to retail, leisure, culture, healthcare, education and open space".                   Specific comments on different centres have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>
<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Reducing crime and fear of crime is something very important, but too often there is a disconnect between police and community.                  Instance. Despite a petition of over seventy signatures, a letter of support from a member of the Police panel, and desperate messages for support from this RA to the local police, there was a refusal to meet, and no willingness to support the community on a particular planning issue. There is very little mention of police accountability to RA's in the document.</p>	<p>Reducing crime and the fear of crime is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives which policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is: Contribute towards reducing crime and the fear of crime. The policies in the Local Plan will be assessed against these objectives.                   These issues regarding crime and fear of crime have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p>

<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>It is an ingoing mystery why there is no requirement to install solar panels onto the roofs of all new loft and kitchen extensions. Can this never be a straightforward environmental gain ?</p>	<p>Noted. This is more relevant to the Local Plan Issues and Options rather than the IIA and these issues have been considered as part of feedback on the Local Plan Issues and Options document.</p> <p>The IIA objectives note these issues as an important consideration however. The wording of the relevant Objective are: "Ensure the Local Plan incorporates mitigation and adaption measures to reduce and respond to the impacts of climate change" and "Ensuring high standards of sustainable design are achieved in the built environment"</p> <p>The Local Plan (and the planning system more generally) has little power to mandate retrofit features like solar panels on 'permitted development' work, as this work doesn't require planning permission. The Climate Change policies in the Plan will encourage this and other measures however.</p>
<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>Pillar 2 in the 'Heart of Everything We Do' singles out the long term wellbeing of residents under 25. Where is over 65 in this ? They are the physically vulnerable, reliant on pension, and in the main the pillars of local communities.</p>	<p>The health of all residents is an important consideration in the appraisal and it is included as one of the Sustainability Objectives policies in the Plan will be assessed against. The wording of this Objective is "Improve the health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities"</p>

<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>Reducing ‘digital exclusion’ is most welcome. However, for this to be anything other than condescending it should not be ‘free lessons in working computers’ but must make the availability of printed materials much easier. This document alone is 85 pages, the Community Involvement document is 32 pages, and the Local Plan count for yourself. There must be better availability of printed Plans and Policies. Hard copies should be available on borrow terms from Libraries as you would borrow any book. This is a crucial way of facilitating greater participation.</p>	<p>Noted. The Local Plan and other documents are available in local libraries, and the Statement of Community Involvement discusses the availability of printed materials and digital exclusion - with options like having planning officers send residents documents.</p>
<p>Monega Association</p>	<p>These comments may be not entirely appropriate for the type of feedback you are seeking but we trust you appreciate the effort to respond.</p>	<p>Noted, and thanks</p>