

Revised Sustainability Appraisal:

Incorporating the above considerations, the sustainability appraisal now becomes:

Sustainability Objective	Strategic Options								Summary Comparative Appraisal
	Option B (Coker)		Option C (Middle Yeo Valley & Dorset Hillside)		Option D (Upper Mudford)		Multi-site Option (Areas A, B, C & D)		
1 Services and facilities	?		?		?		?		As Table 3.3
2 Poverty & Social exclusion	+		+		+		+		As Table 3.3
3 Housing	++		++		++		++		As Table 3.3
4 Improve health and well being	+	?	+	?	+	?	+	?	As Table 3.3
5 Education and skills	?		?		?		?		As Table 3.3
6 Crime	0		0		0		0		As Table 3.3
7 Economy	+		+		+		+		As Table 3.3
8 Traffic	-	+	-	?	-	+	-	?	As Table 3.3

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9 Landscape and townscape	-		-		-		?		As Table 3.3 except that (as the assessment states) the impact of a number of smaller sites would be less than a larger site within an individual landscape setting. There is no reason why a number of sites could not be as well planned as a single site to encompass future potential development with considered minimisation of impact on the landscape. Mitigation opportunities would be increased.
10 Historic environment	--	?	?	?	?	?	-	?	
11 Climate change	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	As Table 3.3
12 Minimise pollution	0	--	0	--	0	-	0	-	As Table 3.3 except that the distributed nature of the multi-site development would give greater potential to avoid the use of the highest grade agricultural land (Grade 1) than Option B or C.
13 Flooding	0		-		0		0		
14 Biodiversity and geodiversity	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	As Table 3.3

The Council has indicated that the SA findings are not the sole basis for its selection criteria for future development. But, in order to meet the requirements of the NPPF, they should be a very significant part of the decision making process. It should be noted that from the above appraisal, the relevant options only differ from each other in 5 categories:

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8 Traffic	-	+	-	?	-	+	-	?
9 Landscape and townscape	-		-		-		?	
10 Historic environment	--	?	?	?	?	?	-	?
12 Minimise pollution	0	--	0	--	0	-	0	-
13 Flooding	0		-		0		0	

General observation of the shortened table above, indicates options C and then B as least attractive from a sustainability perspective, whilst option D is the most sustainable.