

**Statement of Reasons - SEA screening for the Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

Criteria (from Annex II of SEA Directive and Schedule I of Regulations)	Birmingham City Councils Response
Characteristics of the plan or programme	
(a) The degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources.	<p>The draft SPD will amplify the existing policies of the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP), with particular reference to policy GA2. This policy has been subject to a detailed Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) regulation requirements.</p> <p>The draft SPD will provide further guidance, and will therefore supplement existing policies rather than setting the framework.</p>
(b) The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	The draft SPD will supplement policies contained within the BDP. As such, it is influenced by higher level plans.
(c) The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	Some relevance. The draft SPD will promote sustainable development at Edgbaston Reservoir. This will be done in line with adopted policies in the BDP, where environmental considerations on the sites were subject to Sustainability Appraisal (see a) above). It will provide guidance rather than specific policy, and will therefore not have a significant effect on environmental considerations which have not already been considered.
(d) Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme.	None.
(e) The relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of Community (EU) legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	None.
Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected	
(a) The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.	<p>The draft SPD will provide further guidance for future uses and development in the area. Future development will be required to go through a separate approval process (i.e, planning applications subject to Environmental Impact Assessments).</p> <p>The guidance set out in the draft SPD will promote sustainable development. As such, there is no mechanism for significant environmental effects to arise from the draft SPD which have not already been considered as part of the production of the BDP, which met the requirements of the SEA.</p> <p>Developments may have potential to generate significant</p>

	environmental impacts. However, individual planning applications will address this matter. It is also likely that could lead to environmental improvements, and therefore mitigate negative effects.
(b) The cumulative nature of the effects	As noted above, there is no mechanism for significant environmental effects to arise from the draft SPD. It is therefore unlikely that any cumulative impacts will arise. Where these effects are likely to arise, the City Council will, through the determination of planning applications, ensure such issues are appropriately addressed.
(c) The trans-boundary nature of the effects	As noted above, there is no mechanism for significant environmental effects to arise from the draft SPD. It is therefore unlikely that any trans-boundary impacts will arise. Where these effects are likely to arise, the City Council will, through the determination of planning applications, ensure such issues are appropriately addressed.
(d) The risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	As noted above, there is no mechanism for significant environmental effects to arise from the draft SPD. It is therefore unlikely that any risks to human health or the environment impacts will arise. If these effects were likely to arise, the City Council will, through the planning process, ensure such issues are appropriately addressed, including ecology, water quality, and flood risk assessments.
(e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	<p>The draft SPD applies to the Edgbaston Reservoir, and covers 32 hectares, including 24 hectares of open water. It sits within two wards: Ladywood and North Edgbaston. The reservoir is located within the Greater Icknield Growth Area (GA2), identified in the BDP. It is also adjacent to Icknield Port Loop, which will deliver approximately 1,150 houses. This application was subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The draft SPD sets out a vision and development principles (design, activity and connectivity) for future development of the reservoir. These are in line with policies in the BDP. It is considered that any effects not previously considered as part of the BDP will be limited in magnitude.</p>
(f) The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to: i) Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; ii) Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; iii) Intensive land-use.	<p>Given the nature of the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) National and locally listed heritage assets; ii) Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation; iii) None <p>Impact on important habitats and locally listed buildings are considered in the SPD, in line with the policies contained within BDP. The draft SPD does not replace other statutory considerations in this regard, such as the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.</p>
(g) The effects on areas or landscapes which have recognised national, Community or international protection status.	No significant effects are considered to arise on the adoption of the SPD in line with BDP policies.

