

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

Criteria (from Annex II of SEA Directive and Schedule I of Regulations)	Birmingham City Councils Response
<b>Characteristics of the plan or programme</b>	
(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 and provide further guidance for the plan area. It will therefore supplement existing policies rather than set the framework.</p> <p>The BDP has been subject to a detailed Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) regulation requirements.</p> <p>Once adopted the SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.</p>
(b) The degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy.	<p>The draft SPD will supplement policies contained within the BDP and is required to be in general conformity to the BDP. As such, it is influenced by higher level plans. The SPD will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. However, the BDP will have the most influence. This will limit the influence of the draft SPD on other plans and programmes in the area.</p>
(c) The relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations, in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development.	<p>The draft SPD will promote sustainable development at Edgbaston Reservoir, including guidance on how the natural environment should be protected and enhanced.</p> <p>The draft SPD promotes sustainable development in the plan area. It references the need to protect and enhance the Local Nature Reserve, introduce additional green infrastructure into the built form and increase the level of sustainable travel to the reservoir.</p> <p>The draft SPD is considered to be in general conformity with the BDP, where environmental considerations on the sites were subject to Sustainability Appraisal. 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.</p>
(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.
<b>Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected</b>	

<p>(a) The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects.</p>	<p>The guidance set out in the draft SPD will promote sustainable development and be in general conformity with the BDP. It is therefore unlikely that any significant environmental effects will arise from the SPD which have not been considered as part of the production of the BDP, which met the requirements of the SEA.</p> <p>Future major development will be required to go through a separate approval process (i.e. planning applications subject to Environmental Impact Assessments). This will provide an opportunity for any significant environmental impacts to be identified and the effects mitigated.</p>
<p>(b) The cumulative nature of the effects</p>	<p>Significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the 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.</p>
<p>(c) The trans-boundary nature of the effects</p>	<p>Significant environmental effects are unlikely to arise from the 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.</p>
<p>(d) The risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)</p>	<p>There are no significant risks of health or the environment arising directly from the 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.</p>
<p>(e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)</p>	<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 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 (activity, connectivity, sustainability and character) 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>
<p>(f) The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage;</li> <li>ii) Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values;</li> <li>iii) Intensive land-use.</li> </ul>	<p>Given the nature of the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) National and locally listed heritage assets;</li> <li>ii) Local Nature Reserve and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation;</li> <li>iii) None</li> </ul> <p>These destinations would have been taken into consideration as part of the SEA undertaken for the BDP. The masterplan does not propose development beyond the scale of growth allocated in the</p>

	<p>BDP. 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> <p>A Local Nature Reserve Management Plan has been updated alongside the production of the masterplan. This was in order to support the details within the draft SPD that look to protect and enhance the natural environment.</p> <p>The impact of any special characteristics will be assessed through the relevant policies as set out in the NPPF, BDP, and other adopted planning policy.</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.