

Sustainability Appraisal – Note for Planning Inspector March 2018

- 1.1 To inform and influence the development of the Havering Local Plan, a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process has been undertaken. This process has been carried out in line with the procedures prescribed by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations), which transpose into national law European Union Directive 2001/42/EC ‘on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.’ In this respect, the SA process has considered and communicated the likely significant effects of the emerging Local Plan, and the reasonable alternatives considered during the plan making process, in terms of key sustainability issues.
- 1.2 In association with the requirements of the SEA Regulations, consultation on the *Havering Local Plan – Proposed Submission* document was accompanied by an SA Report (August 2017).
- 1.3 Following Regulation 19 consultation, and prior to Submission, updates have been proposed to the Local Plan as a result of representations received. The changes to the Local Plan have been reviewed by our independent SA consultants (AECOM) and are determined to not be of significance for the SA and that the findings of the previous work presented in the SA Report (August 2017) are still valid. As a result, the SA Report which accompanied Regulation 19 consultation has not been updated prior to Submission. It is instead intended for the proposed updates to the Plan to be dealt through the SA process once any proposed modifications have been agreed at Examination. These updates to the SA findings will be presented within an SA Report Addendum.