



Derby City Council Local Plan

Interim SA Report – Appendix B: RAG Criteria

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Proposed SA Objective	Indicator	RAG Criteria	Justification
SA1 Population and Equality: To build inclusive communities by reducing social exclusion, reducing deprivation, promoting equity, equality and respecting diversity, improving local accessibility to healthcare, education, employment, retail facilities and recreational resources (including open spaces and sports facilities).	IMD Overall Deprivation (LSOA)	10%-20% most deprived 30-50% most deprived 10-20% least deprived	Professional Judgement
	Primary Schools	>3.2km <3.2km <1km	Department for Education (DfE), Home to School Transport and Travel Guidance, 2024 ¹
	Secondary Schools	>4.8km <4.8km <1km	DfE, Home to School Transport and Travel Guidance 2024
	Higher Education	>4.8km <4.8km <1km	DfE, Home to School Transport and Travel Guidance 2024
SA2 Human Health: To improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities, improving quality of life for all.	IMD Health Deprivation (LSOA)	10%-20% most deprived 30-50% most deprived 10-20% least deprived	Professional Judgement
	Healthcare provision (GP, Dentists, pharmacies)	>800m <800m	Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) – Planning for Walking, 2015 ²

¹ Department for Education (2024) Travel to School for Children of Compulsory School Age, Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-to-school-travel-and-transport-guidance>

² Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (2015) Planning for Walking, 2015. Available at: <https://www.ciht.org.uk/media/4465/planning-for-walking---long---april-2015.pdf>



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	Allotments	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
	Children's centres	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
	Parks and open spaces (including formal and informal open space)	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
SA3 Economy: To deliver economic growth and support the creation of new and retention of existing businesses.	Primary shopping areas	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
	Town Centres (including district and neighbourhood centres)	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
SA4 Employment: To create greater employment opportunities, higher value jobs and access to training.	IMD Employment (LSOA)	10%-20% most deprived 30-50% most deprived 10-20% least deprived	Professional Judgement
	IMD Income (LSOA)	10%-20% most deprived 30-50% most deprived 10-20% least deprived	Professional Judgement
	Existing employment area	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
SA5 Crime and Safety: To reduce crime and the fear of crime for all residents inclusively, improving safety.	IMD Crime (LSOA)	10%-20% most deprived 30-50% most deprived 10-20% least deprived	Professional Judgement
SA6 Housing: To provide everybody with access to an affordable home which is resilient to the effects of climate change.	IMD barriers to housing and services (LSOA)	10%-20% most deprived 30-50% most deprived 10-20% least deprived	Professional Judgement



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SA7 Leisure and Recreation: To provide better opportunities for people to participate in cultural, leisure and recreational activities.	Parks and Open Space (including formal and informal open space)	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
	Community centres	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
	Sports facilities (Public)	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
SA8 Biodiversity and Natural Capital: To protect and improve biodiversity, geo-diversity, including protect and enhance favourable conditions on SSSI's, SPAs, SACs and other wildlife sites and improve connectivity between, and access to, green spaces and functional habitats.	LNR	<100m <800m >800m	Professional judgement
	NNR	<100m <800m >800m	Professional judgement
	SINC	<100m <800m >800m	Professional judgement
	SSSI	<100m <800m >800m	Professional judgement
SA9 Landscape and Townscape: To protect and enhance the character and appearance of the landscape and townscape, including landscape and townscape assets, as well as the area's other natural assets and resources.	Green Belt	Within Green Belt Partly within or adjacent to Green Belt Not within Green Belt	Existing Local Plan
	Green wedge	Within Partly within or adjacent to Outside	Professional judgement



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SA10 Historic Environment: To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets (including known and unknown archaeological sites) and their settings and maintain and enhance access to cultural heritage for enjoyment and educational purposes.	Listed buildings	<100m straight line <250m straight line >250m straight line	Historic England (HE) 'The Historic Environment and Site Allocations in Local Plans. Historic England Advice Note 3 ³
	Registered parks and gardens	<100m straight line <250m straight line >250m straight line	HE Advice Note 3
	Scheduled monuments	<100m straight line <250m straight line >250m straight line	HE Advice Note 3
	Conservation Areas	Within Partly within or adjacent to Outside	HE Advice Note 3
	Archaeological Alert Area	Within Partly within or adjacent to Outside	HE Advice Note 3
	Heritage at risk	<100m straight line <250m straight line >250m straight line	HE Advice Note 3
	World Heritage Site Buffer Zone	<100m straight line <250m straight line >250m straight line	HE Advice Note 3

³ Historic England, The Historic Environment and Site Allocations in Local Plans. Historic England Advice Note 3. Available at: <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/historic-environment-and-site-allocations-in-local-plans/>



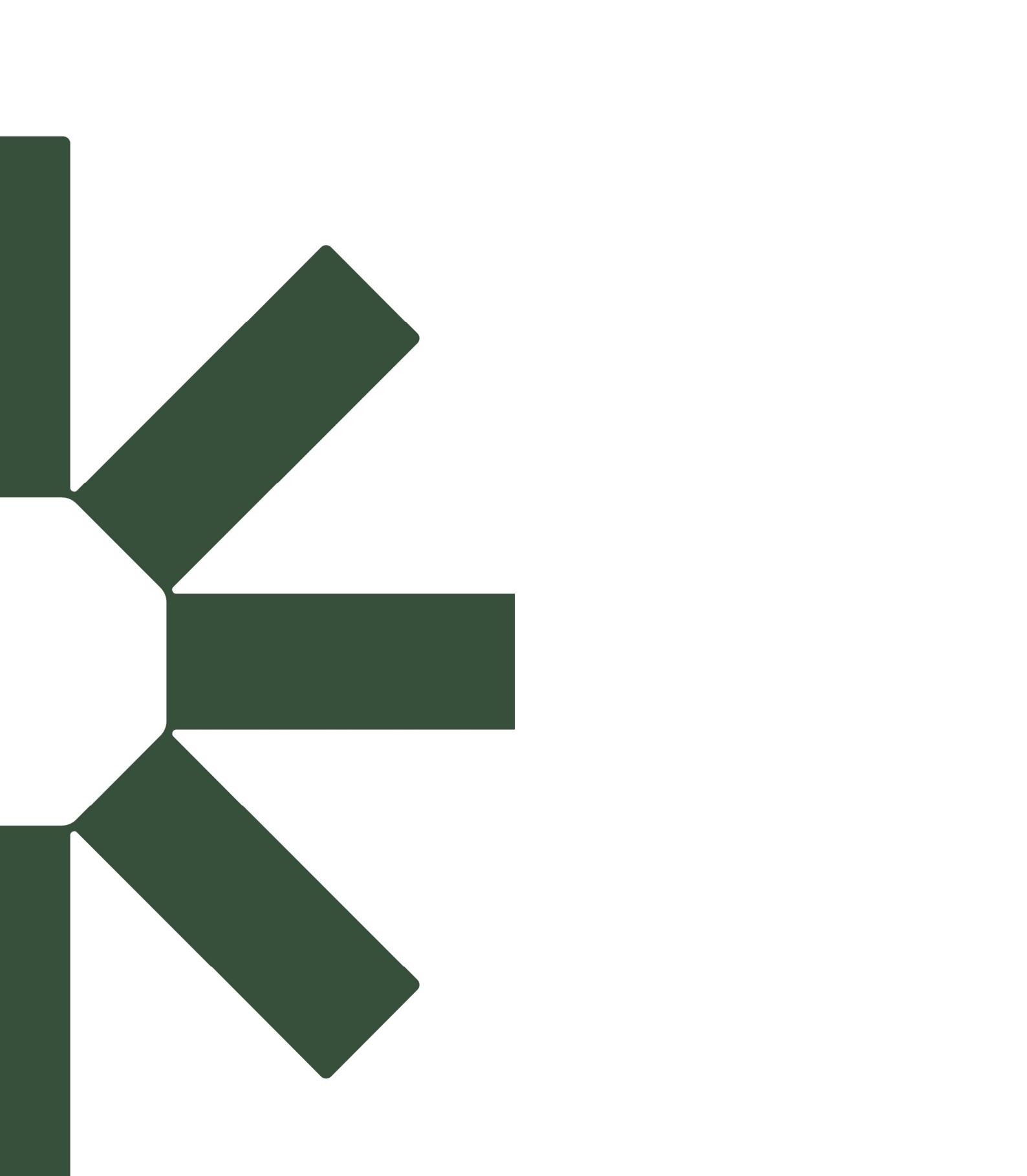
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SA11 Air, Noise and Light Pollution: To maintain good local air quality and to minimise noise and light pollution	AQMA	Within Outside	Professional judgement
	Light pollution	8->32 Nanowatts 1-7 Nanowatts <0.25-0.99 Nanowatts	Professional judgement
	Noise pollution	Site affected by existing noise pollution Site not affected by existing noise pollution	Professional judgement
SA12 Water Environment: To ensure sustainable management of water resources and to minimise the risk of flooding.	Water body	<16m <50m >50m	Planning Practice Guidance – Flood Risk Assessment in Flood Zones 2&3
	Flood zone	Zone 3a and 3b Zone 2 Zone 1	Planning Practice Guidance – Flood Risk Assessment in Flood Zones 2&3
SA13 Climate Change: Adapt to the effects of climate change including flood risk, extreme weather and overheating, and strengthen climate resilience.	Flood defences	<16m <50m >50m	Professional Judgement
	Flood zones	Zone 3a and 3b Zone 2 Zone 1	Planning Practice Guidance – Flood Risk Assessment in Flood Zones 2&3
SA14 Greenhouse Gases: To reduce the contribution towards the emission of greenhouse gases.			
	Train station	>800m <800m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015



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SA15 Transport and Accessibility: To reduce the number of journeys made by car, within and to and from the area and improve access to jobs, services and facilities.	Bus stop	>400m 200-400m <200m	CIHT – Planning for Walking, 2015
	Cycle network	>400m 200-400m <200m	Professional Judgement
SA16 Geology and Soils: To minimise water and soil pollution and ensure protection of natural resources including greenfield land, soil, and minerals resources.	Brownfield land	Yes Partial No	RTPI Practice advice, 2017 NPPF, 2024
	ALC	Grade 1 and 2 Grades 3 & 4 Non-agricultural land, and urban land	Natural England: Guide to assessing development proposals on agricultural land ⁴
	Source Protection Zone	Zone 1 Zones 2&3 Not within a protection zone	Environment Agency
	Mineral site	<10m 10m-25m >25m	Professional judgement
SA17 Waste: To minimise the generation of waste and effectively manage waste that is created.	Waste management sites	<25m >25m	Professional judgement

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-land-assess-proposals-for-development/guide-to-assessing-development-proposals-on-agricultural-land>





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