



Guisborough Conservation Area Management Plan

Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement

This statement sets out Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council's determination of the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with Regulation 9(3) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC for the Guisborough Conservation Area Management Plan.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 require that plans setting the framework for consent on future development projects are subject to an environmental assessment. The object of the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) is to provide for a high level of environmental protection and the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes.
- 1.2. Regulation 5(6) provides an exemption to this requirement by stating that an environmental assessment need not be carried out for a plan or programme which determines the use of a small area at local level or for a minor modification to a plan or programme, unless it has been determined that the plan, programme or modification is likely to have significant environmental effects. This screening statement has been prepared, therefore, to determine whether the proposed Guisborough CAMP is likely to have significant environmental effects and should be subject to an SEA under the 2004 Regulations.

2. The Guisborough CAMP Update

- 2.1. The Guisborough Conservation Area provides protection to parts of the historic environment of Loftus that are of special architectural or historic interest. To ensure conservation areas are preserved and enhanced, local planning authorities are required to formulate plans for their conservation. The Guisborough CAMP meets this requirement and will illustrate the positives and negatives of the Guisborough Conservation Area and provide a series of

actions for the Council that will be instrumental in ensuring preservation and encouraging enhancement of the area

- 2.2. The Guisborough Conservation Area is also covered by a legal direction (known as an Article 4 Direction) which means that some changes to dwellings within the conservation area, such as replacing windows and doors or erecting new fences, require planning permission. The Guisborough CAMP will also include guidance for residents on what type of changes are likely to be supported, encouraging residents to also consider the preservation of the conservation area and will provide guidance for the implementation of Local Plan Policy HE1.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. The results of the screening process for the proposed Guisborough CAMP are set out in Appendix 1 of this statement. These results confirm that the CAMP is unlikely to result in significant environmental effects and the Council, therefore, considers that it will not be necessary to carry out an SEA on the draft Guisborough CAMP.

Appendix 1: SEA Screening of the Draft Guisborough CAMP

SEA Directive Criteria	Summary of Potential Environment Effects of CAMP
1. Characteristics of the CAMP having particular regard to:	
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;	The CAMP provides more detail on the policies and principles already established in the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan 2018, which has been subject to a comprehensive SA incorporating an SEA. The CAMP itself seeks to protect the existing historic environment of Guisborough and does not set out a framework for activities.
b) the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in the hierarchy;	The CAMP does not influence other plans or programmes and does not form part of the local development plan, which has been subject to comprehensive SA and SEA.
c) the relevance of the CAMP for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development;	The CAMP contributes to the promotion of sustainable development through providing guidance on the protection of the historic environment.
d) Environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme;	There are no environmental problems relevant to the CAMP, which will result in benefits to the built environment through the provision of guidance to support the enhancement of the historic area.
e) the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of community legislation on the environment (for example plans and programmes related to waste management or water protection).	The CAMP provides guidance on the implementation of policies relating to the conservation of the historic environment and a series of measures that will protect the conservation area. Policies relating to other objectives are contained within the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan.
2. Characteristics of the effects and area likely to be affected having particular regard to:	
a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects;	The CAMP provides guidance on the implementation of the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan policy on conservation areas. No environmental effects and anticipated to result from the adoption of the CAMP.
b) the cumulative nature of the effects;	The CAMP is not anticipated to result in significant cumulative environmental effects.
c) the trans-boundary nature of the effects of the CAMP;	The CAMP is not expected to result in any transboundary environmental effects.
d) the risks to human health or the environment (e.g. due to accident);	There are no anticipated effects on human health from the CAMP.
e) The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size	The CAMP is expected to result in positive social and economic effects for

of the population likely to be affected)	communities within Redcar & Cleveland.
<p>f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) special natural characteristic or cultural heritage; ii) exceeded environmental quality standards; iii) intensive land use. 	<p>The CAMP is not expected to affect any natural characteristic or cultural heritage or lead to the exceedance of environmental standards or promotion of intensive land use. Policies relating to environmental standards and land use are contained within the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan 2018.</p>
<p>g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or international protection status.</p>	<p>The CAMP is not expected to have any adverse effects on areas with national, community or international protection.</p>