APPENDIX 1

Development objectives of Local Plan assessed against Sustainability Assessment objectives
1. To improve skill levels and encourage suitable employment opportunities in accessible locations.

2. To achieve a sustainable economic base able to sustain economic growth and competitiveness.

3. To protect and enhance the existing green network.

4. To reduce our contribution to the impacts of climate change.

5. To adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

6. To promote, enhance and respect our historic/cultural heritage assets.

7. To make the best use of natural assets.

8. To facilitate the improved health and wellbeing of the Boroughs residents.

9. To provide sufficient and affordable housing suitable to peoples lifestyles and needs.

10. To strengthen the role of Medway’s town, neighbourhood and village centres, securing a range of accessible services and facilities for local communities, and opportunities for homes and jobs.

11. To deliver sustainable development, meeting the needs of Medway’s communities, respecting the natural and historic environment, and directing growth to the most suitable locations that can enhance Medway’s economic, social and environmental characteristics.

12. To secure the ongoing benefits of Medway’s regeneration, making the best use of brownfield land, and bringing forward the transformation of the waterfront and town centre sites for quality mixed use development, a focus for cultural activities.

13. To establish quality design in all new development, respecting the character of the local environment and seeking opportunities to boost quality and improve the accessibility and design of the public realm.

14. To ensure that development is supported by the timely provision of good quality effective infrastructure, so that the needs of Medway’s growing and changing communities are well served.