

APPENDIX 9: Requirements of SEA Directive

(From ODPM Practical Guide to SEA Directive 2005)

Requirements	Stage/ where covered in report
Preparation of an environmental report (SA Report) in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated. The information to be given is (Art. 5 and Annex I):	
a) An outline of the contents, main objectives of the plan or programme, and relationship with other relevant plans and programmes;	A / SA Scoping Report Section 2 and SA Scoping Report Appendix 1; Plans updated in Appendix 8 of this SA Report.
b) The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan or programme;	A / SA Scoping Report: Section 2 and Appendix 2; Chapter 9 of this SA Report; Appendix 7 of this SA Report.
c) The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected;	A / SA Scoping Report; and Appendix 7 of this SA Report
d) Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan or programme including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as areas designated pursuant to Directives 79/409/EEC and 92/43/EEC;	A / SA Scoping Report: Section 2 and Appendix 2; Appendix 7 of this SA Report and HRA Report.
e) The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or national level, which are relevant to the plan or programme and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation;	A, B / SA Scoping Report: Section 2 and Appendix 1; and Appendix 8 of this SA Report; and Chapter 3 of the LDP Deposit.
f) The likely significant effects on the environment, including on issues such as biodiversity, population, human health, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets, cultural heritage including architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the interrelationship between the above factors. (Footnote: These effects should include secondary, cumulative, synergistic, short, medium and long-term permanent and temporary, positive and negative effects);	B / SA Scoping Report and Initial SA Report: Chapter 8. C / This SA Report
g) The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme;	B, C / Initial SA Report and this SA Report.
h) An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information;	B, C / Options assessment: Chapter 5 and 6, Appendix 3. Initial SA Report; this SA Report.
i) a description of measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with Article 10;	B, C, E / Chapter 13 of this SA Report.
j) a non-technical summary of the information provided under the above headings.	B, C / Chapter 1 – a full non-technical summary is present in the SA Report.
The report shall include the information that may reasonably be required taking into account current knowledge and methods of assessment, the contents and level of detail in the plan or programme, its stage in the decision-making process and the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process to avoid duplication	C / Throughout SA Report.

of the assessment (Art. 5.2).	
Consultation: • authorities with environmental responsibility, when deciding on the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the environmental report (Art. 5.4).	A / SA Scoping Report B, C / Initial SA Report and this SA Report.
• authorities with environmental responsibility and the public shall be given an early and effective opportunity within appropriate time frames to express their opinion on the draft plan or programme and the accompanying environmental report before the adoption of the plan or programme (Art. 6.1, 6.2).	B, D / Consultation on the Preferred Strategy and SA of the Preferred Strategy took place. The LDP will be consulted with this SA Report in 2011.
• other EU Member States, where the implementation of the plan or programme is likely to have significant effects on the environment of that country (Art. 7).	D / not applicable at this stage.
Taking the environmental report and the results of the consultations into account in decision-making (Art. 8).	D / not applicable at this stage.
Provision of information on the decision: When the plan or programme is adopted, the public and any countries consulted shall be informed and the following made available to those so informed: • the plan or programme as adopted; • a statement summarising how environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme and how the environmental report pursuant to Article 5, the opinions expressed pursuant to Article 6 and the results of consultations entered into pursuant to Article 7 have been taken into account in accordance with Article 8, and the reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with; and • the measures decided concerning monitoring (Art. 9 and 10).	D / not applicable at this stage.
Monitoring of the significant environmental effects of the plan's or programme's implementation (Art. 10).	B, E / Not applicable at this stage.
Quality assurance: environmental reports should be of a sufficient standard to meet the requirements of the SEA Directive (Art. 12).	Not applicable at this stage.