

Annex D

Appraisal Framework

Source of information	Examples of available information
General	
Audit Commission and IDeA: Library of Local Performance Indicators	Includes a list of quality of life indicators
British Geological Survey	Minerals, aquifers, flooding, contaminated land. Map based information
Countryside Agency	Designated areas and the landscape, landscape character assessment, rural services
Countryside Information Service (DEFRA) www.cis-web.org.uk	Spatial information about the countryside, including landscape features, vegetation habitats and topography
Defra	Quality of air, water (including rivers), soil, waste, wildlife, public attitudes to the environment, economic output, investment, employment, poverty and social exclusion, education, health, housing, crime, land use, noise Quality of Life Counts Strategy: e.g. <i>Securing the Future: The UK Government's Sustainable Development Strategy</i>
Environment Agency www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv	Biodiversity Action Plan Species Data; Location of landfill sites; Soils data; Groundwater vulnerability maps; Flood risk maps; Regional State of the Environment reports
EUROSTAT – Statistical Office of the European Communities epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int/portal/page?_pageid=1090,30070682,1090_33076576&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL	General and Regional Statistics; Information on Economy and Finance; Population and Social Conditions; Industry, Trade and Services; Agriculture and Fisheries; External Trade; Environment and Energy; Science and Technology Sustainable Development; Structural; Euro; and Long-Term Indicators
London Local Authority, County Council and other regional and local monitoring sites (including Annual Monitoring Reports and State of the Environment Reports)	Various environmental facts, figures, indicators and performance outcomes
Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside (MAGIC)	Ward-level GIS information

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National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection	Air Quality Data
National Trust www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/ www.nts.org.uk/web/site/home/home.asp?	Data on NT properties/assets
ODPM – Local Government Performance www.bvpi.gov.uk	LA indicators
ODPM – Planning Statistics	Generalised land use database statistics, previously developed land, previously developed (brownfield) land
Office for National Statistics (ONS)	Population trends, social and economic data, public attitudes etc.
Regional Observatories for London	Key regional data and intelligence. Working on a range of economic, social, and environmental issues, they do this by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing analysis of data and research • Helping to disseminate and widen access to intelligence • Conducting research to fill data gaps
Biodiversity, flora and fauna	
Association of Local Government Ecologists www.alge.org.uk	Biodiversity reports and publications
Biodiversity Action Plans www.ukbap.org.uk	Local Biodiversity Action Plans, Species Action Plans, Habitat Action Plans
Botanical Society of the British Isles www.bsbi.org.uk	British Society for Botanical Information – Flora
British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) www.bto.org	Birds
Butterfly Conservation Society www.butterfly-conservation.org	Butterflies
Countryside Agency www.countryside.gov.uk	Countryside character, landscape etc.
Countryside Council for Wales www.ccw.gov.uk	Habitats management, sightings, designated areas, species and habitat information
Deer Commission for Scotland www.dcs.gov.uk	Deer management
Defra www.defra.gov.uk www.defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics	Land use and land cover

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English Nature www.english-nature.org.uk	Designations, Local Authority managed SSSIs etc.
Environment Agency www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv	Environmental facts and figures, Environment Agency indicators (air, climate, land, people and lifestyles, pollution, resources and waste, water, wildlife) etc.
Met Office www.metoffice.co.uk	Weather patterns etc.
ODPM	Land use change, flood risk etc.
Renewable Energy Statistics Database	Renewable energy sites, capacity and generation etc.
UK Climate Impacts Programme www.ukcip.org.uk	CO ₂ emissions, climate change effects
Population and human health	
Association of Public Health Observatories (APHO) www.apho.org.uk	Various public health and related statistics, including census data, morbidity and mortality, reports on wide range of topics including health inequalities