

Appendix 3

Overarching sustainable development objectives and their relevance to the Thames waterway

Social objectives	Relevance to TWP
1. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.	Low
2. To reduce the risk of flooding that would be detrimental to public well-being, the economy and the environment.	Medium
3. To improve the health and well-being of the population and reduce inequalities in health.	High
4. To reduce poverty and social exclusion and close the gap between the most disadvantaged communities and the rest along the Thames corridor.	Medium
5. To raise educational achievement levels and develop opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work.	Medium
6. To reduce crime and the fear of crime.	Low
7. To create and sustain vibrant communities.	Medium
8. To improve accessibility to all services and facilities.	Medium
9. To encourage increased engagement in cultural activities across all sections of the community.	Medium

Environment objectives	Relevance to TWP
10. To improve efficiency in land use including re-use previously developed land and existing buildings, and encourage urban renaissance.	Medium
11. To reduce air pollution and ensure air quality continues to improve.	Medium
12. To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and reducing vulnerability to climate change.	Medium
13. To conserve and enhance biodiversity.	High
14a. To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment the countryside and historic environment.	High
14b. To make the countryside and historic environment accessible.	High
15. To reduce road traffic and congestion through reducing the need to travel by car and improving travel choice.	Medium

Natural resources objectives	Relevance to TWP
16. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resources by using sustainably produced and local products.	Low
17. To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve sustainable management of waste.	Low
18. To maintain and improve the water quality of rivers and to achieve sustainable water resources management.	High
19. To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources.	Low
20. To reduce the global, social and environmental impact of consumption of resources by using sustainably produced and local products.	Low

Economic objectives	Relevance to TWP
20. To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the Region.	Medium
21. To sustain economic growth and competitiveness.	Medium
22. To stimulate economic revival in areas requiring regeneration.	High
23. To develop a dynamic, diverse and knowledge-based economy that excels in innovation with higher value, lower impact activities.	Low
24. To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.	High
25. To develop and maintain a skilled workforce to support long-term competitiveness.	Low