Inspector Note Re Sustainability Process

I would find it helpful to have a paper from the Council on the adequacy of the sustainability appraisal process that it has carried out. This should add much more detail to its statement in response to my question under issue 1.1. It should explicitly address the charges that have been made in representations (see for example that by Savills on behalf of SEMK Consortium) against the SA process and so-called retrospective justification of the overall housing provision and strategic land allocation. It should also specifically address the key points of legal compliance for an SA that have been highlighted by the legal judgments in the Forest Heath and Greater Norwich cases, along with any others that the Council wishes to refer to. In approaching this, it is likely to be most helpful if the paper addresses the stages at which decisions were made, the SA evidence base that informed these decisions including its level of comparative detail and selection of options for assessment, and the opportunities that were available to comment on these as the core strategy evolved to its current stage. Footnotes/cross-references to the key parts of the relevant documents will be necessary.