

Question 2

Strategic Objectives

1. The Objectives are not of equal value, and some might involve conflict.
2. The Trust objects to the over-emphasis in Objective 2 on exploiting the City's perceived potential in the realms of enterprise, retail, residential, cultural, academic and visitor activities "for the benefit of the whole county". This will in reality undermine the stated objective because of its disastrous effects on the present character of the City, killing the goose that lays the golden egg.
3. The Trust also notes the surprising lack of any explicit recognition of the Green Belt given the continuing "great importance" attached to green belts in national planning guidance (NPPF, para 79). Non-specific references are made to the environment and green infrastructure, but no direct reference to the Green Belt.
4. The Trust regrets that there is no specific objective on sustainable transport to complement Objective 10. This would propose a more sustainable transport system and reduce the reliance on the private car, and promote alternatives to the car such as walking, cycling and public transport.