

## AGENDA FOR

## CABINET

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**To: All Members of Cabinet**

**Councillors** : R Shori (Leader and Cabinet Member for Business Engagement and Regeneration (Chair)), A Simpson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing), S Briggs (Cabinet Member for Children and Families), J Kelly (Cabinet Member Corporate Affairs and Regulatory Services), E O'Brien (Cabinet Member Finance and Housing), A Quinn (Cabinet Member for Environment) and T Tariq (Cabinet Member for Communities)

Dear Member/Colleague

### **Cabinet**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Cabinet which will be held as follows:-

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 16 October 2018
<b>Place:</b>	Meeting Rooms A&B, Bury Town Hall
<b>Time:</b>	6.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of Cabinet are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters of the Agenda, and if so, to formally declare that interest.

### **3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting about the work of the Council and the Council's services.

Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Time, if required.

### **4 MINUTES** *(Pages 1 - 4)*

Minutes from the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 are attached.

### **5 PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BURY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLAN AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF OFFICER OF BURY CCG** *(Pages 5 - 18)*

Councillor Andrea Simpson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing will report at the meeting. Report attached.

### **6 CABINET REPORT - POLICY DIRECTIONS OCT 18** *(Pages 19 - 536)*

Councillor Eamon O'Brien, Cabinet member for Finance and Housing will report at the meeting. Report attached.

### **7 MINUTES OF ASSOCIATION OF GREATER MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES / GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY** *(Pages 537 - 562)*

To consider the minutes of meetings of the AGMA Executive Board and Greater Manchester Combined Authority held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **8 URGENT BUSINESS**

Any other business which by reason of special circumstances the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

<b>Minutes of:</b>	<b>THE CABINET</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor R Shori (in the Chair) Councillors K S Briggs, J Kelly, E O Brien, A Quinn and A Simpson
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor T Tariq
<b>In attendance:</b>	Councillors T Pickstone & J Daly
<b>Public attendance:</b>	1 member of the public was in attendance.

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### **CA.132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Rishi Shori declared a personal interest in all items under consideration as his partner works for the NHS.

Councillor Andrea Simpson declared a personal interest in all items under consideration as a NHS employee.

Councillor Alan Quinn declared a personal interest in all items under consideration as his son and daughter in law works for NHS.

### **CA.133 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A period of thirty minutes was allocated for any members of the public present at the meeting to ask questions about the work or performance of the Council or Council services.

No questions were received.

### **CA.134 MINUTES**

#### **Delegated decision:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **CA.135 CARE ACT 2014 – OPERATIONAL POLICIES**

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing submitted a report setting out details of changes to key operational policies following the Care Act 2014. This legislation was brought in to offer clearer more equitable access to social care and services. Operational policies to be amended will include changes to the Assessment and Eligibility Policy; Charging and Financial Assessment Policy and the Personal Budget Policy. The Residential Care Top Up Policy is a new policy that has been developed as a result of the legislation and will require processes and pathways to be established prior to implementation.

#### **Delegated decisions:**

That Cabinet agrees to:

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Approve the Assessment and Eligibility Policy, the Charging and Financial Assessment Policy, the Personal Budget Policy, the Residential Care Top Up Policy and the Personal Budget Staff Guidance Policy which is for internal use only.

### **Reason for the decision:**

This report brings the Council's policies in line with the requirements of the Care Act. It is estimated that 350 clients will be impacted by the proposals; the extent of which will be known once financial assessments are undertaken.

### **CA.136 THE CHANGING EDUCATION LANDSCAPE**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Families presented a report providing information in respect the changing context of the educational landscape, including the evolving role of schools and the local authority in an increasingly school-led model of school improvement.

The report sets out the model of governance adopted at a strategic level in respect of the school-led system, describing how this brings together all key stakeholders to contribute to school improvement across the Borough, and, on the development of alternative forms of governance at school level. As well as a set of principles that all schools will be expected to commit to in the interests of the local system.

### **Delegated decisions:**

Cabinet note the arrangements for the governance of the schools led system

Cabinet endorsed the principles in respect of alternative models of school governance.

Cabinet will ensure that the appropriate scrutiny and overview panel be requested to include school performance in its annual work programme.

### **Reason for the decision:**

The educational landscape is changing rapidly and the local authority role is becoming increasingly a facilitation role, working within a diverse and autonomous school system.

It is important that systems and processes recognise this changing landscape, particularly in order to preserve the strengths of existing arrangements.

The school led model has been designed by all stakeholders, taking into account what works well in Bury, and good practice elsewhere, and provides strong foundations to govern at a time of significant change.

### **CA.137 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **Delegated decision:**

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in the conditions of category 3.

### **CA.138 SIX TOWN HOUSING CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing submitted a report providing details Of the current Housing Management Contract between the Council and Six Town Housing. This contract expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The tenure of the Chair of Six Town Housing Board also ends on this date.

The contract was previously extended in November 2017, at which time a review of the Housing Management arrangements was undertaken by Savills (UK) Ltd. This review has now been completed and Cabinet, approved the implementation of the recommendations.

To allow compliance with local and statutory timescales relating to the implementation of some of the recommendations, approval is sought to extend the agreement and the Chair appointment for up to a further seven months; until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019, or until a revised management agreement between the Council and Six Town Housing has been prepared and implemented.

### **Delegated decision:**

Cabinet approves:

1. An extension to the current Housing Management Contract between Bury Metropolitan Borough Council and Six Town Housing Limited, on the same terms, until up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
2. An extension of the tenure of Six Town Housing's Board Chair until up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
3. That during this extended contract period:
  - There will be a freeze on the Management Agreement Fee provided to Six Town Housing Limited
  - And that, without prior written permission from the Council, Six Town Housing will not:
    - Utilise reserves/surpluses of Six Town Housing Limited or the Housing Revenue Account
    - enter into any new contracts
    - enter into any new business areas
    - undergo any restructures or staffing restructures

### **Reason for the decision:**

The Council require the contract to be fulfilled in the interim period, prior to the implementation of the recommendations of the review of the housing management service.

### **Other options considered and rejected:**

#### **Option 2**

Cabinet do not approve an extension of the contract and the related aspects

### **Councillor Rishi Shori, Leader of the Council**

#### **CHAIR**

(Note: The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.45pm.)

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<b>DECISION OF:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 2018</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Progress on implementation of the Bury Health and Social Care Locality Plan and appointment of the Chief Officer of Bury CCG
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	Cllr Andrea Simpson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Geoff Little, Chief Executive Julie Gonda, Interim Executive Director for Communities and Wellbeing
<b>TYPE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>KEY DECISION</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:</b>	
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<p>This report is to update Cabinet on progress on the implementing the Bury Locality Plan. In particular, it covers updates in respect of the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Care Alliance;</li> <li>• Bury's Single Commissioning Function;</li> <li>• The financial implications of the Locality Plan for the health and social care system overall and for the Council in particular and</li> <li>• Bury's position in relation to standardisation of hospital services across Greater Manchester and the future of the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.</li> </ul> <p>The report also sets out proposals in respect of the appointment of the Chief Executive of Bury Council to also hold the post of as the Chief Officer of NHS Bury CCG.</p>

<p><b>OPTIONS &amp; RECOMMENDED OPTION</b></p>	<p>Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the progress that has been made in the implementation of the Bury Locality Plan and approve the move to the next phase of integration;</li> <li>2. Note the key milestones to be achieved by 31 March 2019 and agree the next steps of integration as set out in the report;</li> <li>3. Approve the appointment of Bury Council Chief Executive as NHS Bury CCG’s Chief Officer from 1 October 2018, as agreed at the Governing Body meeting of the CCG on 6 September 2018 and NHS approval.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reasons for Recommendations</b></p> <p>The approval of the recommendations will facilitate the next steps of the integration process for alignment of functions and governance arrangements to operate.</p>
<p><b>IMPLICATIONS:</b></p>	<p>Failure to support this work will result in the Council not delivering transformation in line with the Council’s priorities and GM Devolution</p>
<p><b>Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:</b></p>	<p>Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?      Yes</p>
<p><b>Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:</b></p>	<p>Reforming Health &amp; Social Care in Bury is critical to the financial sustainability of the Council, the CCG and the wider Health &amp; Social Care economy.</p> <p>Establishment of a single commissioning approach and a Local Care Alliance are key to the delivery of the Borough’s Locality Plan.</p> <p>Activity outlined in this report will be funded using Transformation Funding obtained via Greater Manchester through the devolution deal.</p>

<p><b>Health and Safety Implications</b></p>	<p>No issues identified at this stage.</p>
<p><b>Statement by Executive Director of Resources (including Health and Safety Implications)</b></p>	<p><b>There are no wider resource implications</b></p>
<p><b>Equality/Diversity implications:</b></p>	<p>A key purpose of the Locality Plan is to reduce inequalities in healthy life expectancy between Bury and national averages and within the Borough. Any more detailed equality issues will be considered as part of the implementation of any specific elements of the proposals contained in this report, such as those associated with the proposed impact on staff structures.</p>
<p><b>Considered by Monitoring Officer:</b></p>	<p>The Council has the power to integrate health and social care and take decisions using a combination of powers comprising the Health Act 1999, the National Health Service Act 2006 and the general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The health legislation creates “flexibilities” for partnership working which include establishing pooled budgets, lead commissioning and integrated provision. The flexibilities can be used together, for example where one partner takes on the role of commissioning services and managing existing services and staff, whether or not the partners retain separate budgets. Alternatively, the partners can establish an integrated service, where services are pooled and staff are integrated and managed by one partner through a pooled budget. In addition the NHS and Public Health (Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2013 enable certain Clinical Commissioning Group functions to be exercised jointly, including through a joint committee. Partners retain responsibility for their functions but can delegate within appropriate schemes of delegation as to the scope of activities to be performed. The Council must ensure that the statutory role of the Director of Adult Social Services is accountable for the delivery of those functions (set out in Schedule 1 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970). Suitable governance arrangements will be identified as work progresses. Amongst other matters, the report sets out further</p>

	development of the Local Care Alliance and integrated commissioning of health and social care.
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Scrutiny Interest:</b>	

**TRACKING/PROCESS**

**DIRECTOR:**

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	

**1. BACKGROUND**

In February 2015 as part of Greater Manchester’s devolution plans, the 37 NHS organisations and local authorities signed an agreement to take charge of health and care spending within the city region. A strategic plan, ‘Taking Charge of our Health and Social Care in Greater Manchester’ was developed to address the known poor health outcomes and inequalities experienced by local people and the anticipated financial deficit of £2bn by 2020/21. As part of the devolution arrangements, each borough developed its own ‘Locality Plan’ to transform health and care, to improve outcomes and experience for local people in a sustainable health and care system.

In Bury too many people become ill too early, with significant health inequalities impacting upon the Borough’s most deprived communities. Healthy life expectancy in Bury is 58.5 years for men compared to an England average of 63.3 and 62.2 for females compared to 63.9 for England. In Bury’s most deprived communities healthy life expectancy is as low as 53.1 for men and 54.2 for women. One in three children are not school ready at age five.

On a do nothing basis, it is anticipated that the health and care system will have a £75.6m financial deficit by 2020/21. This is caused by limited resources whilst the population grows and becomes older. Bury’s population is projected to increase by 3.4% by 2021 (to 194k) and the proportion of that population over 65 will increase by 9.5% over the same period.

Bury's Locality Plan identified a number of key relationships that needed to be developed differently to ensure that Health and Social Care transformation could be delivered effectively by 2020/21. The plan set out a number of key transformational changes and programmes to improve outcomes and close the financial gap, delivering financial sustainability. The objective was to empower local people to remain well for longer, making informed choices about their health and care, within an integrated delivery model with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

The plan articulated an ambition to bring together the main providers of health and social care services to explore innovative methods of delivery, improve outcomes for Bury people and reduce costs. To do this five partner organisations have come together in March 2017 to form a Locality Care Alliance. The five partners are:-

- Bury GP Practices Ltd. This is a federation of all GP Practices in Bury.
- The Council
- The Northern Care Alliance NHS Group. This is a group of NHS Trusts comprising Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (including Fairfield Hospital)
- Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust which provides community health and mental health services to a number of localities across Greater Manchester including Bury
- BARDOC, a provider of primary care out of hours services across Bury, Rochdale and Bolton.

In April 2018, a formal agreement was signed which holds each partner to account in terms of operating 'system wide' with a focus on delivery of transformation and generating improved outcomes for the people of Bury.

The Locality Plan also highlighted the benefits of bringing together the health and social care commissioning functions of Bury Council and Bury CCG into One Commissioning Organisation, with a pooled or aligned budget, a single commissioning strategy and strategically commissioning for outcomes.

As part of Greater Manchester's plans to ensure acute hospital and specialist services are sustainable and of a consistently high quality, Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust (PAHT) services are currently being managed by Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust via a management agreement. Running until December 2019, this agreement will support the development of new ways of working that will ensure patients receive consistently high standards of care.

Longer-term plans for PAHT are being developed to ensure stabilisation and transformation of the hospital sites, delivering improved care and patient experience, economies of scale and value for money. Whilst plans are subject to due diligence, business case approval, financial plan agreement and receiving support from NHS Improvement and the Competition and Markets Authority, the direction of travel is for the Fairfield site, along with the Royal Oldham and Rochdale Infirmarys to be acquired by Salford Royal Foundation Trust with the North Manchester site acquired by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust.

## 2. Update in respect of the development of the Locality Care Alliance (LCA)

The purpose of the LCA is to help people to remain healthy for as long as possible and when people do need health and care services for these to be provided for as long as possible in their own houses. The intention is therefore to reduce admissions to acute health and residential care services by shifting more care and resources into the community. This will be a major contributor to improving the services received by Bury people and reducing the financial gap.

The work in respect of the LCA is driven through the sponsorship of the Chief Executives of the 5 partner organisations within the Alliance together with the LCA Board. Each Chief Executive reports through the governance of their own organisations. In the Council's case this is through the Cabinet Member with responsibility for health and social care and the Deputy Leader in the Council, Councillor Andrea Simpson.

The following progress has been made in the last three months:-

- The host arrangements for the LCA have been transferred from Pennine Care Foundation Trust to the Northern Care Alliance, including back office support. This is bringing additional capacity for delivery.
- The LCA Partnership Board terms of reference have been refreshed with equality of votes between the five provider partners. This Board will hold the LCA management team to account. The Bury Voluntary, Community and Faith Alliance (VCFA) and Persona are included on the Board as non-voting members;
- Additional senior capacity to deliver has been put in place through the full-time appointment of Kath Wynne-Jones, a senior manager from Northern Care Alliance as Interim Executive Lead, and a Director of Transformation & Delivery Lindsey Darley who expected to start in December.
- An LCA management team is in the process of being established to accelerate delivery and operate as a single management team, including key roles from within each partner organisation, such as:
  - a senior manager of the GP Federation to support the leadership and coordination role of Primary Care in each of the five neighbourhoods.
  - a senior manager of Adult Social Care,
  - a senior manager of Community Health
  - a senior manager of Community Mental Health

These decisions, and the introduction of additional capacity at a senior level have led to the development of a detailed work plan for the next six months which focuses on the following components of the LCA and with key milestones to ensure delivery by 31 March 2019:-

Five Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) covering the whole of the Borough that consist of primary care, adult social care, community care and VCFA staff will be operational by April 19. The teams will have:

- Single line management by five team leaders, reporting to a single post in the LCA management team
- Co-located community health, adult social work and VCFA staff in neighbourhoods supporting the delivery of high quality primary care
- Joint access to case management systems and access to relevant care records
- Risk stratified identification of cohorts, from the beginning of INTs going live.

Not all services will be based in the neighbourhood teams because of economies of scale. These services will be borough wide, or in the case of links to services in front of A&E and Integrated Discharge Teams, in hospitals in and beyond Bury. These services will be fully part of the LCA service model so that the flow of demand into and out of hospitals and residential care can be regulated.

The neighbourhood teams will be fully integrated with the intermediate tier of provision (ie between neighbourhood and hospital based services). This will bring together services such as reablement, intermediate care and end of life care provision to enable patients to effectively step up and down through different levels of intensity of care across Bury.

The purpose of the LCA is to help Bury people remain healthy for as long as possible and when they do need health and social care services for the care to be provided for as long as possible in their own homes and less often in hospital or residential care. This objective requires more than a change in the way public service organisations work together; it requires a shift in the relationships between front line staff and between those staff and residents, patients and their careers and families.

The importance of both mental health services and social care services in transformation, and their links with physical health, cannot be underestimated. As we move forward with integration we need to truly respond to all the needs of a person rather than continuing to work in silos. Mental health will be fully integrated into all the pillars of the Transformation Plan, and there is work underway to understand how Mental Health Primary Care capacity can be built into the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

The detailed work now underway to develop the LCA is therefore based on a strength based approach to relationships. This means different types of assessment where time is taken to really listen to people and their families and connecting to the support within families, neighbourhoods and communities. The approach focuses on what people can do, not just on fitting needs into services. This will apply to the way packages of care are designed and managed after assessment. Assessments by one service will be trusted and used by other services so that people do not need to keep repeating the same information.

Connecting to the strengths in families and communities will require front line staff in the LCA to have a good understanding of the strengths or assets in families and communities. This is one of the reasons why the voluntary and community sector through Bury VCFA will be built in from the start of the LCA, with the sector represented at all levels of governance, management and operational delivery.

The specific programme regarding Mental Health Service transformation is being led by Pennine Care Foundation Trust in line with the GM Mental Health programme; this has a particular focus on enhanced Crisis & Urgent Care for people with mental health conditions and Increasing Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT), in particular for people with long-term conditions, in addition to a number of initiatives for young people.

### **Council staff in the LCA and the Council's statutory responsibilities for Adult Social Care**

The Council is a key partner within the development of the LCA, with Adult Social care being essential to the effective establishment of the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams. The work on scope and phasing of services to be transformed into the LCA proposes that the Council's Adult Social Care Services should transfer in 2019/20 with aspects of Children's services and some public health services transferring later. The reason for this is to make this change manageable and to start with the services which will have the highest impact on activity levels in acute and residential care.

This will mean approximately 235 adult social care staff being deployed from the Council into the LCA. This will initially include approximately 33 moving into the INTs and approximately 100 moving into the integrated intermediate tier of the LCA. The remainder will follow when the LCA has been further developed.

The staff will remain employed by the Council. They will be operationally line managed by LCA managers, irrespective of the professional background of the manager. In other words staff in the LCA will not be managed within service silos.

However it is essential that the professional expertise of staff is not diminished and that the Council's statutory responsibilities for adult social care are protected. The senior adult social care manager on the LCA management team will therefore provide professional supervision and development support to adult social care staff. The senior adult social care manager will be accountable to the Council's Director of Adult Social Care (a statutory post held by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Wellbeing) who will in turn remain accountable for the Council's statutory duties to the Council Chief Executive and to the Deputy Leader of the Council who holds the statutory adult social care responsibilities. Approximately 13 adult social care operational staff will remain with the Council to run the Adults Safeguarding functions.

The arrangements to protect the Council's role as an employer and to ensure that the statutory duties for adult social care, which cannot be delegated, are properly discharged will be set out in detail in a legally binding agreement between the five LCA partners.

### **3. Update in respect of the Strategic Commissioning Function (OCO)**

The Locality Plan commits Bury to establishing a single health and care commissioning function – The One Commissioning Organisation. Bury's One Commissioning Organisation Partnership Board, established in April, meets monthly, bringing together clinicians and lay members from the CCG Governing

Body and members of the Council's Cabinet and officers. The partnership board has a number of key priorities for the OCO, namely development of:

- A commissioning and decommissioning strategy;
- A joint financial plan and reporting;
- Pooled and aligned budgets and management arrangements;
- A performance and outcomes framework;
- A risk and quality assurance framework;
- Governance structures for the partnership, to be incorporated into a partnership agreement including integrated commissioning proposals.

The OCO Partnership Board is the foundation of the OCO and will be developed into a formal Single Commissioning Board for Bury with equal equality of representation from Members of the Council and the CCG Governing Body. The Board will be accountable to the Cabinet of the Council maintaining the local democratic control of Council commissioning and to the Governing Body of the CCG maintaining the CCG accountability for NHS resources.

A single executive team will be created with combined roles covering both CCG and Council responsibilities. This will require significant organisational development and staff engagement.

To drive forward these priorities the development of a business plan for the OCO is underway, with key dates and deadlines still to be finalised. This work is led by the OCO Joint Executive Group, which brings together the senior management teams of the CCG and the Council.

The plan covers the following key areas:

- Develop and implement a target operating model
- Produce joint commissioning strategy, plans and approaches
- Establish joint financial planning and reporting mechanisms
- Establish 'business as usual' risk and quality assurance frameworks and processes
- Staff development and engagement

Work is progressing to develop a target operating model (TOM) for the OCO, that reflects its size, functions and statutory duties. The TOM will also be informed by the GM Commissioning Framework and learning from models in place across Greater Manchester. OCO senior managers recently visited Tameside to understand their development journey and single commissioning function arrangements.

In order to both make savings and progress commissioning on a joint basis, four test-bed areas of thematic commissioning have been identified. These test beds are:

- Carers
- Continuing healthcare and complex cases, including Learning Disability services
- Mental Health
- Special Educational Needs & Disability

Update reports will be brought to Cabinet at regular intervals.

**4. Appointment of joint leadership – Chief Executive of Bury Council and Accountable Officer for NHS Bury CCG**

One of the most significant opportunities of Greater Manchester devolution is to create single place based leadership of health and social care. The most important part of such place based leadership is the partnership between the political leaders of Councils and local clinical leaders in the NHS. In Bury this is being successfully achieved through the OCO Partnership Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board. This political and clinical partnership now provides the basics for single managerial leadership.

On 5 September 2018 following interview, the CCG recommended the appointment of Geoff Little, Chief Executive of Bury MBC to the position of Accountable Officer to the CCG. This was subsequently confirmed by Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England. This is subject to approval by the Council’s Cabinet.

Should Cabinet approval be given, this appointment will

- Be consistent with a number of other areas within Greater Manchester, with five out of the 10 areas having dual appointments of Chief Executive / Chief Officer;
- Underpin the fact that a joined up and consistent approach is essential to effective commissioning for the future to meet the needs of Bury people;
- Bring the functions and responsibilities of two separate organisations into one place, providing a stronger basis for system-wide decision making than the historical reliance on effective partnership working;
- Strengthen the ability to move the health and care system to a preventative wellbeing model, with proactive short term care when needed, thus reducing reliance on high cost acute and responsive care.

**The Cabinet is therefore requested to approve the appointment of the Chief Executive of Bury Council as the Chief Officer of Bury CCG.**

**5. Financial position of the Bury Health and Social Care System**

**Overview**

The financial gap of the health and care system in Bury will reach £74.6m by 2020/21. £32m of the projected “do nothing” gap relates to Adults and Children’s Social Care.

	<b>Recurrent Gap 2020/21 £m</b>	<b>%age of 2020/21 cost base</b>
BMBC ASC and CSC	32	26
Bury CCG	15	5
Hospitals / Providers	27	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	

Without transformation of the health and care system, many of the council savings targets will not be achieved. The interdependencies within the system

cannot be underestimated, and it is essential that the NHS and Council do not work in isolation of each other.

**Financial Opportunities**

The Council, CCG and other stakeholders are better equipped to address the systemic problems in the health and care economy through collaboration, rather than acting independently. The work described in Section 3 and 4 above will deliver improved services and experiences for the public as well as financial efficiencies. The financial efficiencies can be categorised as:

- Optimal pathway design and better care
- Optimal decision making and joint working
- Technical opportunities and wider benefits

Optimal pathway design and better care

This includes the programmes of work described in the Locality Plan, and supported from the GM Transformation Fund. The GM Health and Social Care Partnership awarded £19.2m Transformation Funding in 2017 to Bury Locality. To date the following sums have been earmarked and/or approved for the various programmes:

	£m
Transforming Primary, Community and Social Care	8.0
Transforming Urgent Care	2.0
Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life	0.5
Enabling Local People and Keeping Bury Well	2.0
Transforming Mental Health	
Enabling and development fund	8.0
Contingency	2.0
Local funding	(3.3)
Total	19.2

These funds are to support the implementation costs and pump priming of transformational schemes, and to cover “double running” costs (i.e. the costs of running “as is” services in parallel to building new ones).

It was understood and agreed by all stakeholders involved in the production of the Locality Plan that most of the financial savings (c£40m) will be generated by avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and attendances; and the majority of those hospital “deflections” would be achieved through the LCA. Hospital deflections reduce CCG commissioning costs, which in turn allows funds to be reprioritised “downstream” to community, primary and social care commissioning.

The table below shows the original deflection ambition by 2020/21 from the Locality Plan compared to the latest projections. Note: most of the reduction in 2020/21 targets is due to slippage in programme implementation.

	A&E %	Non Elective %	Elective %	O/P First %	O/P F-up %
<b>Original deflection target (vs 16/17 base)</b>	(17.0)	(21.6)	(13.0)	(20.0)	(25.0)
<b>Deflection target after applying 12 months' slippage</b>	(9.2)	(8.0)	(5.8)	(5.0)	(10.0)
<i>Optimism bias to be applied</i>	20.0	20.0	40.0	40.0	20.0
<b>Revised deflection targets after moderating for optimism bias (17/18 base)</b>	(6.6)	(5.9)	(3.4)	(3.0)	(8.1)

There is a detailed piece of work being undertaken, led by the Locality Care Alliance, to re-assess the scale and phasing of targets beyond 2020/21, with a particular focus on Transforming Primary, Community and Social Care. The key milestones in this 90 day review are:

- Mid October: Neighbourhood model description locked down and LCA Management Team in place.
- Mid November:
  - 1) full system model (including enablers) and in scope/hosting arrangements locked down and described, following stakeholder engagement (including the 1:1 CE meetings).
  - 2) Proposed operational arrangements for staff working within the neighbourhood teams from a governance, HR, estates and digital perspective.
  - 3) Mid December: next iteration of the mutually binding agreement agreed, supported by
  - 4) A description of revised governance arrangements (including terms of reference for strategic groups, operational groups and formally established LCA management team)
  - 5) The list of in-scope services to be included in go live April 19.
  - 6) Data pack which describes the key health and social care needs of the Borough
  - 7) The financial, activity and outcome schedule (connected to the planning and contracting round) for the next 3 years between the LCA and OCO
  - 8) Proposal for the allocation of the remaining resources
  - 9) Full financial schedule developed for the Transformation Fund
  - 10) Scheme of Delegation and Workforce Protocol agreed describing how Operational, Transformational and Professional accountabilities will be managed
  - 11) Hosting agreement
  - 12) Risk and reward framework

Risk stratification data suggests that each INT will need a caseload of circa 160 in order to deliver the deflection targets. This is deemed as achievable within timescales. It is also recognised that there should be significant opportunities for workforce efficiencies and savings in, for example, residential care packages (through keeping people at home or in more appropriate settings for longer).

## Optimal decision making and joint working

Joint working has already delivered financial benefits of c£0.5m in premise costs. There are further opportunities in management structure and back office functions.

Four “test beds” are currently being fast tracked for pooling of budgets, associated due diligence and joint working. As noted above, they are:

- Packages of care (including Learning Disability)
- Mental Health
- Special educational needs
- Carers

## Technical Opportunities and Wider Benefits

Integration allows the Council and CCG to agree and work towards a shared vision for Bury’s residents and start to pool resources and share risks, managing on a place base rather than in organisational silos. This will move away from the kind of harmful decisions seen in the past which have, at best, resulted in cost shunts between organisations and, at worst, seen increased costs to the public sector as a whole.

Integration of the Council and the CCG will allow the whole of spending on health and care to be connected to total public spending in Bury. This will enable a focus on the underlying determinates of health such as increasing school readiness, the Bury Life Chances Commission, transformation of mental health service for children and adults, housing including Extra Care and supported housing, air quality and social prescribing.

Integration makes this much more doable.

There are a number of potential technical financial benefits arising from integration. E.g. opportunities for different funding sources, different VAT rules and flexibilities.

Working together should bring improved procurement results, e.g. by jointly commissioning nursing and residential home beds. There may be some economies of scale in overheads, too.

Integration of Data is a critical enabler for transformation. Giving front line staff shared access to patient and service user records should significantly improve the efficiency of services as well as the patient experience and outcomes. Sharing of “big data” should also allow better risk stratification, allowing us to target limited resources more effectively and get a bigger return.

## **6. Pennine Acute Transaction and what it means for Bury**

As part of Greater Manchester-wide plans to ensure acute and specialist hospital services are sustainable and of a high quality, plans are being developed for the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust sites.

The planned acquisition of the North Manchester site by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust is progressing. It is anticipated that the Fairfield site,

together with Royal Oldham and Rochdale Infirmary sites, will be acquired by Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust.

The work is currently developing and will soon complete a case for change. It is intended that this be considered by the CCG's Governing Body, the One Commissioning Organisation Partnership Board and Council Cabinet.

Once the case for change is finalised the Board will then agree evaluation criteria and examine the various options for each site, including any changes affecting services accessed by Bury residents, before moving to formal consultation on proposed changes. Work is also proceeding with the Health and Care particular on the improvement of acute health services across GM. The implications of this work for Bury people and patients will be considered. Further updates will be provided to Cabinet as work progresses.

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## REPORT FOR DECISION



<b>DECISION MAKER:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>16 October 2018</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BURY LOCAL PLAN – RESPONSES TO KEY ISSUES AND POLICY FRAMEWORK AND CONSULTATION ON THE POLICY DIRECTIONS</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR EAMONN O'BRIEN CABINET MEMBER – FINANCE AND HOUSING</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	<b>DAVID WIGGINS – UNIT MANAGER: DEVELOPMENT PLANNING</b>
<b>TYPE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>CABINET (KEY DECISION)</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:</b>	This paper is within the public domain
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<p>Together with the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), the Local Plan will form a key part of Bury's overall development plan. Whilst it is the intention that the GMSF will deal with strategic planning matters, the Local Plan will ultimately provide a range of non-strategic and more locally-specific policies, designations and site allocations.</p> <p>The Council has previously undertaken consultation on the first key stage in the preparation of the Bury Local Plan – the Key Issues and Policy Framework report and a 'Call for Sites'. Relevant comments submitted in response to this consultation have been taken into account in moving onto this next key stage in the development of Bury's Local Plan– the Policy Directions.</p> <p>The Policy Directions report sets out a more refined scope and direction that will form the basis of the Local Plan's policies.</p> <p>Members are being asked to note the main themes of comments received during consultation on the Key Issues and Policy Framework report and to approve the Policy Directions report for a six-week period of consultation in order to establish stakeholder views on its content. The responses to this consultation will subsequently help to inform the development of a draft Local Plan.</p>

<p><b>OPTIONS</b></p>	<p><b>Option 1 (Recommended option)</b></p> <p>That Members note the main themes of the responses to the Local Plan Key Issues and Policy Framework.</p> <p>That Members approve the Local Plan Policy Directions report together with the proposed consultation measures outlined in this report.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b></p> <p>That Members note the main themes of the responses to the Local Plan Key Issues and Policy Framework.</p> <p>That Members seek revisions to the proposed content of the Local Plan Policy Directions report prior to consultation and/or Members seek revisions to the proposed measures for undertaking consultation - Members to specify the nature of any revisions to be sought.</p> <p><b>Reasons</b></p> <p>The Policy Directions report is another important stage in the production of Bury’s Local Plan. The Policy Directions give a clear indication of the intended scope and direction of specific planning policies in the Bury Local Plan and consultation will ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to play a part at this key stage of the process.</p>
<p><b>IMPLICATIONS:</b></p>	
<p><b>Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:</b></p>	<p>Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?        Yes</p> <p>The existing Bury Unitary Development Plan forms part of the Council’s Policy Framework (being one of the statutory plans listed under Article 4 of the Council’s Constitution) and will ultimately be replaced by a new Bury Local Plan that is to be produced under the arrangements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004(as amended) and statutory instruments and guidance resulting there from.</p>
<p><b>Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:</b></p>	<p>The work associated with the preparation of Bury’s Local Plan will require significant commitment of staff resources in the Strategic Planning and Economic Development team and there are likely to be</p>

	costs associated with the production of documents and progress of the statutory procedures to adoption. These costs will be met from existing resources.
<b>Statement by Executive Director of Resources:</b>	There is a requirement for each Local Planning Authority to produce a Local Plan for its area. Members are requested to approve the Policy Directions report as another important step in the preparation of a Local Plan, making use of existing resources, to replace the existing Bury UDP and its associated documents.
<b>Equality/Diversity implications:</b>	No  An initial screening has been undertaken (see attached assessment) and as there were no negative impacts identified for affected groups, there is no requirement to proceed to a Full Impact Assessment.
<b>Considered by Monitoring Officer:</b>	Yes  The Bury Local Plan will replace the current arrangements. All local plans must be prepared in accordance with statutory processes. This decision relates to the content of the Policy Directions report which will subsequently go out to consultation. This is the next stage of the consultation process. Carrying out early consultation such as this ensures that legal requirements are being met, that a robust plan is being prepared, that all interested parties have an opportunity to make their views known and that the Council is able to consider these in the preparation of the Local Plan. Any subsequent Local Plan will have to be approved by the Council as part of the Policy Framework (unless there is a legislative change). There are no other legal concerns at this point, but if the proposal is approved, further detailed input will be required from the Council Solicitor in due course.
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Scrutiny Interest:</b>	

**TRACKING/PROCESS**

**INTERIM DIRECTOR: STEVE KENYON – RES & REG**

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
15 October 2018	3 October 2018		
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, all local authorities are required to produce a Local Plan.
- 1.2 A Local Plan is a document containing planning policies that will be used as the basis for determining planning applications. It will also identify sites where development should be built as well as areas where development should be restricted or controlled.
- 1.3 In Bury, the Local Plan will form part of the Borough’s overall development plan alongside other strategic Greater Manchester plans, namely the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste plans.
- 1.4 The Government’s planning policies for England are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and this provides the overarching framework within which development plans are produced. The NPPF specifies that the development plan for an area comprises a combination of:
- **Strategic policies** - setting out the overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development necessary to address the strategic priorities of the area; and
  - **Non-strategic policies** covering more locally-specific matters and setting out more detailed policies for specific areas or types of development.
- 1.5 Alongside the other nine districts in Greater Manchester, Bury is contributing to the preparation of the emerging GMSF. Strategic policies, such as those dealing with future needs for housing and employment floorspace and revised Green Belt boundaries, are currently being developed through the GMSF with the non-strategic policies being developed through the Bury Local Plan. **However, the Government’s requirement for development plans to cover strategic policies means that if these were not being developed through the GMSF, the strategic matters applying to Bury would need to form part of Bury’s Local Plan.**

- 1.6 The GMSF and the Bury Local Plan will respectively contain the strategic and non-strategic planning policies that will manage the growth and development of the Borough up to 2037. Given that both of these documents will form key component parts of Bury's development plan, there is clearly a need for consistency between the two.
- 1.7 Early progress was made on the Local Plan with the preparation of a Key Issues and Policy Framework report. Consultation on this document, together with a 'Call for Sites' took place over an eight-week period that ran between 7 August and 2 October 2017. Further information on the methods of consultation and the responses is set out in Section 2 of this report.
- 1.8 All relevant comments made in response to consultation on the Key Issues and Policy Framework have been fully considered in moving onto the next key stage in the preparation of the Local Plan – the Policy Directions.

## **2.0 ISSUES**

### **Consultation responses on the Local Plan Key Issues and Policy Framework and the 'Call for Sites'**

- 2.1 Consultation on the Key Issues and Policy Framework report in Autumn 2017 sought views on the key issues that the Local Plan should address and the supporting evidence. Alongside this, a Call for Sites exercise was undertaken which asked landowners, developers and other stakeholders to suggest sites that might be suitable for future development or sites which should be protected.
- 2.2 Consultation was advertised extensively, namely by:
- Directly notifying in excess of 2,500 stakeholders from the consultation database;
  - Issuing Press Notices in the Bury Times, Radcliffe Times and the Prestwich and Whitefield Guide;
  - Issuing a Press Release in the Bury Times, Radcliffe Times and the Prestwich and Whitefield Guide;
  - Uploading information onto the Council's web site;
  - Posting on social media;
  - Making information available at the Town Hall, Knowsley Place and libraries; and
  - Advertising on TV screens in Council buildings.
- 2.3 In total, 66 comments were received. However, some of these related to the draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and others related to non-planning matters. All relevant comments have been fully considered in moving forward onto the current Policy Directions stage and a report setting out a Summary of Responses to the Key Issues and Policy Framework has been prepared which includes the Council's response to the main issues raised.
- 2.4 48 sites were suggested as part of the Call for Sites exercise and these will be considered in more detail as the Local Plan progresses to the draft stage and includes proposed site allocations and designations.

## **Local Plan Policy Directions**

- 2.5 The Policy Directions report represents another important stage in the preparation of Bury's new Local Plan. It sets out the proposed scope and a more refined direction for the planning policies that the Local Plan will contain.
- 2.6 The report sets out a Strategic Vision and a series of Objectives that the Local Plan will work towards achieving before setting out more refined policy directions that will form the basis of specific policies as the Local Plan progresses to its draft stage.
- 2.7 It is proposed to undertake consultation on the Local Plan Policy Directions over a six-week period in order to give stakeholders the opportunity to influence the proposed scope and direction of policies within the Local Plan.
- 2.8 It is proposed to undertake a variety of measures in order to raise awareness of consultation on the Local Plan Policy Directions, including:
- Directly notifying stakeholders from the Local Plan consultation database;
  - Issuing a Press Release in the Bury Times and Radcliffe Times;
  - Uploading information onto the Council's web site;
  - Posting on social media;
  - Making information available at the Town Hall, Knowsley Place and libraries; and
  - Advertising on TV screens in Council buildings.
- 2.9 Following consultation on this Policy Directions report, thorough consideration will be given to all comments made and, where appropriate, these comments will be used to inform the development of a draft Local Plan.
- 2.10 The Local Plan Policy Directions report has been subject to an Integrated Appraisal (IA) which helps to identify where there is uncertainty and highlights the synergies and tensions between the document and the objectives set out in the IA. This process will continue to inform the development of the Bury Local Plan. The recommendations of the IA of the Policy Directions will also be taken into account as the Local Plan progresses to its draft stage.
- 2.11 Following further consultation on a draft Local Plan, we will produce a Publication version that will be subject to further consultation before the Plan is formally submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination. There will be a public examination of the plan before an independent, Government-appointed Inspector makes recommendations. If found sound, the plan will subsequently be adopted as Bury's statutory Local Plan, replacing the current Unitary Development Plan.

## **3.0 CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 Members are requested to note the key themes of the comments raised in response to consultation on the Key Issues and Policy Framework and to

approve the Local Plan Policy Directions report for a six-week period of consultation in order to establish stakeholder views on its content.

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### **List of Background Papers:**

- Bury Local Plan – Summary of Responses to Key Issues and Policy Framework (December 2017).
- Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Report (October 2018).
- Integrated Appraisal of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions (October 2018).

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# Bury Local Plan Policy Directions



# Foreword

The new Bury Local Plan will set out a long-term framework to guide and control future growth and development and help shape what the Borough will look like in the future. The Plan will comprise a series of planning policies against which future development proposals will be considered and it will also allocate sites for various types of development as well as identifying areas where development will be restricted. Taking account of comments made following consultation on the key issues and the proposed policy framework for the Plan in August 2017, we have now moved on to the preparation of this document which sets out the proposed scope and direction of Local Plan policies.

These are exciting times for Bury. As one of the ten districts of Greater Manchester, Bury has a key role to play in supporting the conurbation's role as the key driver in the delivery of the Northern Powerhouse and in securing the economic growth that is central to the recent Devolution Agreement for Greater Manchester.

The ten Greater Manchester districts have agreed to prepare the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework which, once adopted, will set out a strategic planning framework for Greater Manchester, including identifying the amount of new employment floorspace and housing that is required and the strategic locations to accommodate these development needs.

However, in addition to the strategic policies of the GMSF, there is a need for a Local Plan to provide more Local, non-strategic policies to address non-strategic issues. Both documents will be statutory plans and will need to be consistent with one another.

Despite its recent success stories, Bury still faces some difficult challenges. At the forefront of these is the need for continued regeneration in the areas where we have pockets of deprivation, primarily in East Bury and Inner Radcliffe. We are also striving to attract good quality jobs, ensure sufficient provision of good quality affordable homes and introduce measures which will enable us to address climate change in a positive manner. Central to this will be our emphasis on prioritising the redevelopment of previously-developed brownfield sites.



Together we will seek to build on the existing qualities and strengths of each community to truly realise our ambitions to make Bury a great place and I look forward to your comments on this document which sets out the intended direction of our Local Plan policies.

**Councillor Eamonn O'Brien**  
**Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing**

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# 1 Introduction

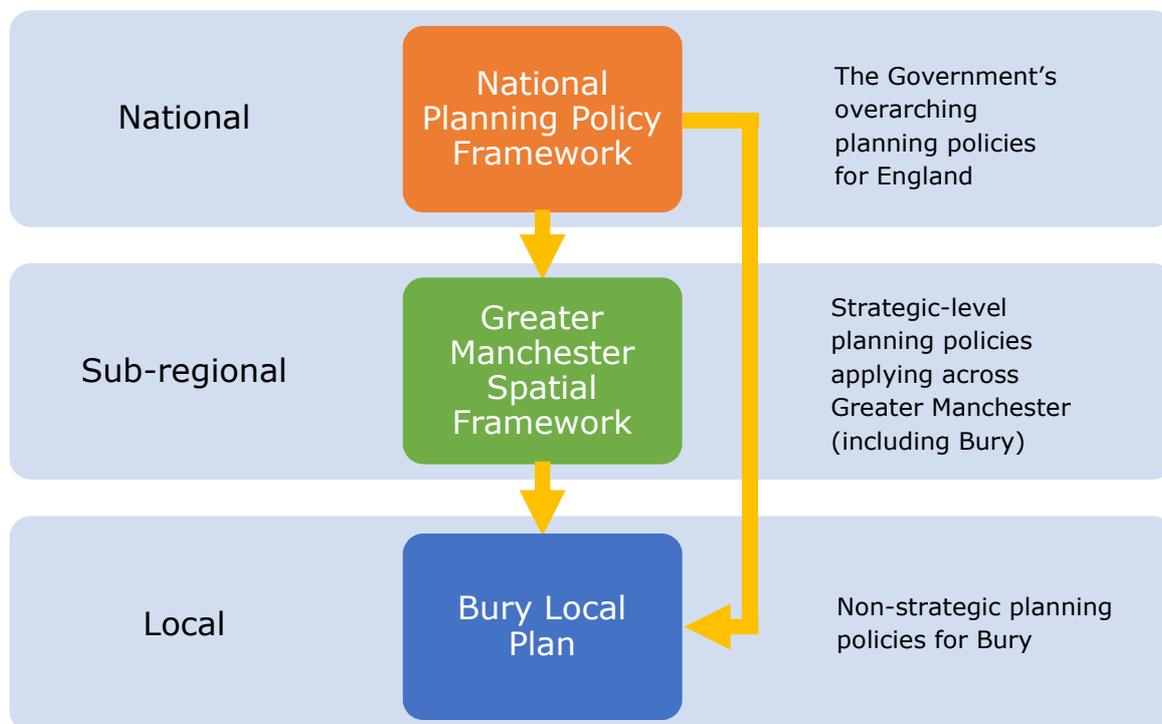
## The context for Bury's Local Plan

- 1.1 The planning system in England is plan-led which means that development plans are used to guide and manage future development and as the basis for determining planning applications.
- 1.2 In Bury, the Local Plan will form part of the Borough's overall development plan alongside other strategic Greater Manchester plans, namely the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste plans.
- 1.3 The Government's planning policies for England are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and this provides the overarching framework within which development plans are produced. The NPPF specifies that the development plan for an area comprises a combination of:
- **Strategic policies** - setting out the overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development necessary to address the strategic priorities of the area; and
  - **Non-strategic policies** covering more Local, non-strategic matters and setting out more detailed policies for specific areas or types of development.
- 1.4 The NPPF specifies that strategic policies can be produced in different ways, such as through joint plans produced by authorities working together or through individual district local plans.
- 1.5 Alongside the other nine districts in Greater Manchester, Bury is contributing to the preparation of the emerging GMSF. Strategic policies, such as those dealing with future needs for housing and employment floorspace and revised Green Belt boundaries, are currently being developed through the GMSF with the non-strategic policies being developed through the Bury Local Plan. Appendix 1 gives an overview of the scope of strategic policies that are to be dealt with through the GMSF and the non-strategic policies to be covered by the Bury Local Plan. **It should noted, however, the Government's requirement for development plans to cover strategic policies means that if these were not being developed through the GMSF, the strategic matters applying to Bury would need to form part of Bury's Local Plan.**
- 1.6 The GMSF and the Bury Local Plan will contain the strategic and non-strategic planning policies that will manage the growth and development of the Borough up to 2037. **Given that both of these documents will form key**

**component parts of Bury’s development plan, there will clearly be a need for consistency between the two.**

1.7 Figure 1 sets out the hierarchy of planning policies that are applicable to Bury.

Figure 1 – Planning policy hierarchy



## Current Progress on the Local Plan and the next steps

- 1.8 In order to ensure that the Local Plan is developed in a way that is relevant to Bury and to ensure that all interested parties are fully engaged, there are a number of stages in the process where we will be seeking the views of key stakeholders such as local residents, businesses, landowners, developers and conservation bodies.
- 1.9 In March 2017, we commenced early engagement with key stakeholders and local communities by issuing a notice of our intention to commence work on a new Local Plan for Bury and seeking comments on what the Plan ought to contain.
- 1.10 This was followed by consultation on a Key Issues and Policy Framework Report which commenced in August 2017 which identified what were considered to be the key issues in Bury that the Local Plan should be seeking to address and a potential broad policy framework that could be pursued in order to address these issues. In parallel, we also issued a ‘Call for Sites’ asking landowners, developers or other stakeholders with a land interest to

put forward sites that they thought should be considered for development or protected through the Local Plan process.

- 1.11 This report sets out the proposed scope and direction of the Local Plan and takes into account comments raised in response to consultation during the previous stages of the plan-making process. It sets out the broad options that have been considered at this stage in developing proposed Policy Directions for the Bury Local Plan. We recognise, however, that there will be further options to consider as the policies are refined further.
- 1.12 During consultation on this Policy Directions report, **we would particularly welcome comments relating to the scope and intended directions of Local Plan policies as well as whether you feel that there other reasonable alternative options that we should have considered at this stage.**
- 1.13 Whilst this document sets out the broad direction that the Council would wish to take at the current time, it is likely that the Plan will change in light of emerging evidence, to take account of consultation responses or following independent examination. At this stage, therefore, this Policy Directions report carries no weight in determining planning applications.
- 1.14 Moving forward, we will take into account comments raised on this Policy Directions report to inform the development of a draft Local Plan. The draft Local Plan will be subject to further consultation before we produce a Publication Local Plan that will effectively be a version of the Plan that the Council would wish to see adopted. There will be further consultation on the Publication Local Plan before it is formally submitted to the Secretary of State together with any comments made in response to consultation at the Publication stage. An independent Inspector will then be appointed by the Government to examine the 'soundness' of the Plan. If the Plan is found to be sound or if it would be sound subject to amendment, we would then seek to formally adopt the Local Plan.
- 1.15 Figure 2 sets out the preparation process for the Local Plan as well as the intended future timescales. Please note, however, that in order to ensure consistency between the Local Plan and the GMSF, progress on Bury's Local Plan through the various stages will need to reflect the GMSF timetable.

Figure 2 – Local Plan progress and future timetable



## Evidence Base

- 1.16 In support of the Local Plan we have developed, and will continue to develop, a comprehensive evidence base to support the approach being taken. This evidence base includes work undertaken to support the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, Topic Papers and other strategies, plans and studies.

## Integrated Appraisal

- 1.17 The Policy Directions for the Local Plan take into account the findings of an Integrated Appraisal (IA) that considers the requirements and scope of:
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA);
  - Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA);
  - Health Impact Assessment (HIA).
- 1.18 In addition to meeting the requirements of the above assessments in one IA, a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) will be prepared separately by the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU).

## 2 Vision and Objectives

- 2.1 This chapter sets out a broad framework for the Local Plan in order to give an overview of the Local Plan's approach. This includes a Vision, a series of Objectives which will establish a broad direction for the Plan's policies and site allocations.

### Vision

By 2037 the Borough will have embraced sustainable growth in a managed way and become a well-connected place with:

- a strong and competitive local economy;
- strong, vibrant and healthy communities; and
- a high quality natural and built environment that is resilient to the effects of climate change.

### Objectives

The Vision will be delivered through the pursuit of a number of broad Objectives, namely to:

- Deliver sustainable development;
- Promote health and wellbeing within the Borough's communities;
- Reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and ensure that the Borough is resilient and adaptive to the effects of climate change;
- Manage flood risk from all sources;
- Make efficient use of land including prioritising the redevelopment of brownfield land;
- Ensuring that all new development incorporates high standards of design and layout;
- Safeguard amenity;
- Deliver an appropriate supply of well-designed housing to meet needs;
- Deliver a competitive and diverse local economy and high quality jobs;
- Support a hierarchy of vital and viable town, district, local and neighbourhood centres;

- Safeguard existing and promoting new tourism and cultural development in appropriate locations;
- Ensure that the Borough's residents have access to a sufficient amount of good quality open space, sport and recreation facilities;
- Ensure that the Borough's residents have adequate access to community facilities;
- Encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private motor vehicles;
- Protect and enhance the Borough's natural environment;
- Protect and manage Green Belt;
- Protect and enhance the Borough's built heritage; and
- Ensure and that new and existing development is supported by appropriate infrastructure.

## 3 Overarching Principles

- 3.1 There are a number of overarching principles that it is proposed should be applicable to the decision-making process for all forms of development and these are set out within this chapter.
- 3.2 Fundamentally, the need to strive towards achieving sustainable development should underpin the whole Plan but other matters such as the potential impact of a development on health and wellbeing and the need for development to mitigate and adapt to the challenges of climate change and flood risk are also central to the Local Plan's approach.
- 3.3 Similarly, the need to ensure that development makes full use of Bury's finite land resource, that the design and layout of all new development makes a positive contribution to the Borough's built environment and that development is made acceptable through the use of planning conditions and obligations are also considered to be key principles that should apply to all forms of development.
- 3.4 The Council believes that the Local Plan should complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by ensuring that cross-cutting matters are fully considered by including policies relating to the following:
- Sustainable Development;
  - Health and Wellbeing;
  - Climate Change;
  - Air Quality and Pollution Control;
  - Flood Risk Management;
  - Efficient Use of Land;
  - Design and Layout of New Development;
  - Amenity; and
  - Planning Conditions and Obligations.

## Sustainable Development

Policy  
Direction  
**OP1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that, in dealing with planning matters, the Council will contribute towards achieving sustainable development by considering growth and development in terms of its economic, social and environmental implications.

Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the Council will grant permission unless material considerations (including policies in the NPPF) indicate otherwise.

### Justification

- 3.5 Sustainable development has economic, social and environmental dimensions and is about positive growth and making economic, social and environmental progress for this and for future generations.
- 3.6 From an economic perspective, the Plan should contribute towards building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that the plan meets development needs and supports growth and innovation through the provision of an appropriate supply of land for economic development.
- 3.7 Socially, the Plan should include policies and proposals that are designed to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities meeting housing needs and create a high quality and accessible built environment.
- 3.8 Environmentally, the Plan should contribute to the protection and enhancement of natural, built and historic assets, the improvement of air quality, reduced carbon emissions and adapt to the cause and effects of climate change.
- 3.9 Policy Direction OP1 reflects the Council's commitment to the delivery of sustainable development by contributing to a strong, competitive and responsive economy; supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities; and contributing to the protection and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment. It reflects the fact that the Council will operate a presumption in favour of sustainable development unless there are adequate reasons to justify why this should not be the case.

## Alternative Options

- 3.10 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the broad approach towards achieving sustainable development. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and that this objective should be delivered through the preparation and implementation of plans. It also states that planning policies and decisions should play an active role in guiding development towards sustainable solutions.
- 3.11 It is considered that the omission of the policy would mean that the Local Plan may not clearly reflect the Council’s commitment to pursuing sustainable development.

## Health and Wellbeing

**Policy  
Direction  
OP2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that development makes a positive contribution towards the health and wellbeing of the Borough’s communities.

The policy would include measures that seek to alleviate some of the Borough’s key health and wellbeing issues, such as requiring Health Impact Assessments to accompany certain planning applications, promoting active travel, seeking to control hot food take-aways in sensitive locations and making provision for local green spaces.

## Justification

- 3.12 It is widely recognised that planning can have a significant impact on health and wellbeing and planning should take account of and support local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, including through the reduction of pollution and improved air quality. National guidance requires local planning authorities to ensure that health and wellbeing, and health infrastructure are considered in local plans and in planning decision making.
- 3.13 Some of Bury’s key issues regarding health and wellbeing are associated with inequalities in life expectancy and health and significant levels of obesity and physical inactivity amongst the Borough’s residents.

## Alternative Options

- 3.14 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the broad approach towards health and wellbeing. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and wellbeing needs.
- 3.15 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development that could have adverse impact on the health and wellbeing of the Borough’s communities.

### Climate Change

**Policy  
Direction  
OP3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to take a proactive approach towards mitigating against and adapting to the cause and effects of climate change.

## Justification

- 3.16 Addressing climate change is one of the core land use planning principles which the NPPF expects to underpin both plan-making and decision-taking and this includes a requirement for local authorities to adopt proactive strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change in line with the provisions and objectives of the 2008 Climate Change Act. It specifies that planning plays a key role in helping shape places to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimising vulnerability and providing resilience to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure. This is central to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.
- 3.17 Greater Manchester has ambitious targets to be zero carbon by 2050 and at the last Green Summit there were proposals to bring this forward to 2040. Planning can make a major contribution towards achieving this and towards tackling climate change in general by shaping new and existing developments in ways that reduce carbon emissions, reduce the need for energy consumption and positively build community resilience to problems such as extreme heat or flood risk.

## Alternative Options

- 3.18 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the broad approach towards mitigating against and adapting to the cause and effects of climate change. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change and that policies should support appropriate measures to ensure the future resilience of communities and infrastructure to climate change impacts.
- 3.19 It is considered that the omission of the policy would mean that the Local Plan may not clearly reflect the Council's commitment to mitigating against and adapting to the cause and effects of climate change.

## Air Quality and Pollution Control

Policy  
Direction  
**OP4**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to prevent both new and existing development from contributing to, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of pollution either individually or cumulatively with other existing or proposed developments.

It is considered that the policy should also set out the issues that the Council will have regard to when considering the potential impact of development on pollution and what should be required from applicants, including mitigation measures, in the event that a proposal is considered to have the potential to give rise to any impacts on air quality or other forms of pollution.

## Justification

- 3.20 If pollution is not adequately controlled, it can have negative consequences socially, environmentally and economically. Consequently, controlling potential sources of pollution is an important aspect of sustainable development. Pollution can have significant consequences for human health and amenity as well as natural resources and uses that are sensitive to the effects of pollution.
- 3.21 As a result, it is important that pollution is given thorough consideration through the planning process both in terms of the potential impacts that may

arise from the development as well as assessing whether new development would be subject to unacceptable levels of pollution from other sources.

### Alternative Options

- 3.22 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to air quality and pollution control. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by, amongst other things, preventing new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of soil, air, water or noise pollution.

It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to development causing or being exposed to unacceptable levels of pollution.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Flood Risk Management</h2>	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Policy Direction OP5</b></p>
<p style="color: #1a3d54;">It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to manage flood risk from all sources by ensuring that new development complies with the flood risk management hierarchy and is not subject to unacceptable levels of risk, does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, achieves reductions in flood risk overall.</p> <p style="color: #1a3d54;">In addition, it should seek to ensure that all new development proposals minimise the impact of development on surface water run-off, and where possible, seek to reduce it.</p>	

### Justification

- 3.23 Climate change has the potential to increase the risk of flooding through increased winter rainfall and the occurrence of more extreme rainfall events as was demonstrated in the 2015 Boxing Day floods. As a result, the Local Plan is sensitive to this risk, avoiding it where possible and managing it elsewhere.
- 3.24 In response to these issues, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to manage flood risk from all sources by ensuring that new development complies with the flood risk management hierarchy and is not subject to unacceptable levels of risk, does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, achieves reductions in flood risk overall. In addition, it

should seek to ensure that all new development proposals minimise the impact of development on surface water run-off, and where possible, seek to reduce it.

### Alternative Options

- 3.25 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the broad approach towards managing flood risk. However this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF requires development to be directed away from areas at highest flood risk and to avoid surface water run-off through the incorporation of sustainable drainage systems.
- 3.26 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development that could have adverse impact on flood risk.

## Efficient Use of Land

**Policy  
Direction  
OP6**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that all new development makes efficient use of land.

### Justification

- 3.27 One of the core planning principles of the NPPF is to encourage the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously-developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value.
- 3.28 Land is a finite resource and whilst it is acknowledged that some greenfield land is required to meet Bury’s development requirements, there remains a need for the prudent re-use of previously-developed (brownfield) land within the Borough. Encouraging development on previously-developed land as well as the reuse of existing buildings allows maximum use to be made of sites within the Borough, reducing pressures for development on greenfield sites, maximising the use of existing infrastructure and assisting in the process of urban regeneration.
- 3.29 Efficiency in the use of land can be achieved through requirements for higher densities although this should support efforts to reduce the need to travel and encourage more sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport. Higher densities should therefore be achieved in the most accessible locations which are well served by public transport and which

have good access to shops, services and other facilities, such as at in town centre locations.

- 3.30 However, the efficient use of land is not just confined to the buildings themselves. It is also important that supporting infrastructure, such as roads, car parking and areas of public realm, are designed and laid out efficiently within the wider development in order to maximise the use of available space.

### Alternative Options

- 3.31 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach towards making an efficient use of land. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that planning policies and decisions should support development that makes efficient use of land.
- 3.32 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of development that does not make the most efficient use of land.

## Design and Layout of New Development

Policy  
Direction  
**OP7**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that all new development (including advertisements, conversions, changes of use and extensions to existing buildings) displays high standards of design and layout and that development proposals that are considered to be of a poor standard of design and layout should be refused.

### Justification

- 3.33 The design and layout of new development is recognised as being integral to achieving sustainable development and the planning process has an important role to play in achieving this. Good design incorporates an interrelation of features and if implemented effectively can contribute towards the creation of thriving and vibrant places that are well built, inclusive, safe, well-connected and environmentally sensitive. As a consequence, the design of new development can have a significant impact on people's quality of life.

### Alternative Options

- 3.34 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach towards the design and layout of new development. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities. Being clear about design expectations, and how these will be tested, is essential for achieving this and plans should set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable.
- 3.35 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of poorly designed development.

<b>Amenity</b>	<b>Policy Direction OP8</b>
<p>It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that all new development does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of new and existing residents in the surrounding area.</p>	

### Justification

- 3.36 The design of new development can impact on access to daylight and sunlight, both of which are important for general amenity, health and well-being, for bringing warmth into a property and to save energy from reducing the need for artificial lighting and heating. The design of development can also impact on the privacy of both new and existing dwellings and pollution and general disturbance arising from noise, vibration, smell, litter, artificial light and opening hours can also have a significant impact on amenity and people’s quality of life. Similarly, inadequate parking and servicing arrangements associated with a development can have an adverse impact on amenity.

### Alternative Options

- 3.37 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out how the Council intends to ensure that development does not have an unacceptable adverse impact on amenity. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that planning policies

and decisions should ensure that development have a high standard of amenity for current and future users.

- 3.38 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development that could have adverse impact on the amenity of the users of a development and surrounding areas.

## Planning Conditions and Obligations

Policy  
Direction  
**OP9**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that where a development would have an adverse impact on interests of acknowledged importance or would result in an increase in needs and demands for new or improved infrastructure, services or facilities, the Council would only grant planning subject to planning conditions and/or planning obligations that would ensure that any adverse impacts are mitigated against and that the increased needs and demands are addressed through the development.

The intention would be for the policy to specify that typical priorities would be affordable housing provision; open space, sport and recreation provision; education provision; and other site-specific contributions that may be appropriate to a particular development.

## Justification

- 3.39 When used properly, planning conditions and obligations can enhance the quality of development and enable development proposals to proceed where it would otherwise have been necessary to refuse planning permission, by mitigating the adverse effects of the development.
- 3.40 Planning conditions can be used to ensure that the development that might otherwise be refused, is acceptable in planning terms. This may, for example, involve the imposition of conditions to restrict what activities can take place within a building, restrict hours of operation or require that an applicant obtain specific consent for certain aspects of the development, such as a landscaping scheme.
- 3.41 Planning obligations (or Section 106 agreements as they are also known) are formal legal agreements between the local planning authority and developers and, in a similar way to planning conditions, these can be used to ensure that

a development is acceptable in planning terms. Planning obligations are attached to the site itself rather than the developer so that it remains applicable if the ownership of the land should change. Planning Obligations are generally used for three key purposes:

- To prescribe the nature of development (for example, requiring a specified portion of housing to be affordable or to require the delivery part of a mixed-use scheme at a specific stage in the wider development)
- To compensate for loss or damage created by a development (e.g. requiring replacement provision for the loss of open space); or
- To mitigate against the impact of a development (e.g. to make provision for recreation space or educational facilities to meet increased demands arising from the prospective residents of new housing development).

3.42 In either case, the use of conditions and obligations will be consistent with the tests set out in national guidance.

3.43 It is considered that the inclusion of a policy setting out the Council's approach to the use of planning conditions and obligations will provide a degree of certainty to developers.

### **Alternative Options**

3.44 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach towards the use of planning conditions obligations. However, this was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that local planning authorities should consider whether otherwise unacceptable development could be made acceptable through the use of conditions or planning obligations.

3.45 Although it is not a requirement of the NPPF for plans to include a specific policy on planning conditions and obligations, it is considered that, on balance, the proposed inclusion of the policy would provide greater certainty as to what will be required in conjunction with development proposals.

# 4 Housing

## Introduction

- 4.1 One of the core planning principles of the NPPF is that that planning should proactively drive and support the delivery of the homes that the country needs. Every effort should be made objectively to identify and then meet housing needs. Development plans should take account of market signals, such as land prices and housing affordability, and set out a clear strategy for allocating sufficient land which is suitable for development in their area, taking account of the needs of the residential communities.
- 4.2 In terms of housing, the GMSF will set the housing target which Bury needs to meet in order to fulfil its housing requirements. The GMSF will also seek to specify the mix of house type required along with the minimum density standards that are to be applied around Greater Manchester.
- 4.3 Some of the key local issues for housing include the need to plan to meet the needs of a growing and ageing population by ensuring the provision of an adequate supply of appropriate and affordable housing in the right locations and ensuring that development makes an efficient use of land.
- 4.4 In response to these issues, the Local Plan seeks to deliver an appropriate supply of well-designed housing to meet the Borough's needs. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Housing Land Provision;
  - Windfall Housing Development;
  - Housing Needs;
  - Affordable Housing Provision;
  - Special Needs Housing;
  - Self-build and Custom Housebuilding;
  - Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople;
  - The Form and Layout of New Housing Development;
  - Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties; and
  - Residential Conversions.

## Housing Land Provision

Policy  
Direction  
**H1**

It is proposed that, in conjunction with the GMSF, the Local Plan should include a policy, accompanied by site allocations, that seeks to encourage new housing development through the identification of good quality and deliverable housing sites, including previously-developed sites, to help meet Bury's needs.

### Justification

- 4.5 The GMSF will identify future housing targets across Greater Manchester and within each constituent district. Whilst the GMSF will identify strategic allocations for housing, the Local Plan has a role to play in identifying non-strategic and more Local, non-strategic sites for housing that will contribute towards meeting Bury's housing needs. The Local Plan can help to ensure the delivery of housing in sustainable locations that is of the right size, type and tenure to help meet local needs.

### Alternative Options

- 4.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach towards housing land provision. However, the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should significantly boost the supply of home and policies should identify a sufficient supply and mix of sites.
- 4.7 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan failing to provide the certainty that the development industry requires in terms of new housing development in Bury.

## Windfall Housing Development

Policy  
Direction  
**H2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that planning applications for housing development on sites that are not allocated for residential use will generally be allowed providing the proposal meets specific criteria.

## Justification

- 4.8 The GMSF and the Local Plan will identify strategic and non-strategic allocations for future housing development in Bury. However, planning applications will come forward on sites that haven't been specifically identified in the development plan. These sites are known as 'windfall' sites and they can make an important contribution to meeting Bury's housing needs over the plan period.
- 4.9 It is considered important that an appropriate policy is in place that will set out criteria against which planning applications for housing on 'windfall' sites will be considered.

## Alternative Options

- 4.10 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council's approach to housing proposals on windfall sites. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF recognises that windfall sites can be an important source of housing supply and that local planning authorities should support the development of windfall sites through their policies and decisions.
- 4.11 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan failing to provide the certainty that the development industry requires in terms of new housing development on windfall sites.

### Housing Needs

**Policy  
Direction  
H3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that housing development should provide an appropriate mix of dwellings to address the housing needs of the local community, including special needs housing in appropriate locations which will help households whose general housing needs are not being met by mainstream housing.

It is considered that the policy should require applicants to set out how their proposal will help to address local housing needs and identify the key considerations that the Council will take into account when determining whether a proposal includes an appropriate mix of dwelling types and sizes.

## Justification

- 4.12 Local Plans should set out the likely profile of household types that will require new housing over the plan period, as evidenced in local and strategic studies. This should include the types and sizes of housing that will be required to reflect local demographics and trends.
- 4.13 As housing needs are dynamic, those looking to submit a planning application for large residential developments should take account of the most-up-date evidence of housing needs.
- 4.14 Demand for a range of house types, sizes and tenures across all sections of the community has been identified as a key issue for Bury and Policy Direction H3 sets out the Council’s intended approach towards meeting housing needs through new development.

## Alternative Options

- 4.15 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council’s approach to meeting housing needs. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that the sizes, types and tenures of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies.
- 4.16 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to manage new housing in a way that meets housing needs of the community.

### Affordable Housing Provision

**Policy  
Direction  
H4**

In accordance with the NPPF, it is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that at least 10% of dwellings in new housing development of 10 or more houses should be affordable as well as specifying the type and nature of affordable housing that should be provided.

## Justification

- 4.17 Like most other parts of the country, Bury has experienced considerable increases in house prices in recent years, which now means that many households are unable to access quality affordable housing that meets their

housing requirements. Many households are, therefore, living in overcrowded conditions or in sub-standard accommodation.

- 4.18 The delivery of affordable homes has been enshrined in the planning system for some years now and national policy along with the GMSF state that local authorities should set a target for the amount of affordable housing to be provided on large housing developments. Accordingly, Policy Direction H4 sets out the local targets for the types of affordable housing that is needed across the Borough and the circumstances when it will be required.
- 4.19 The Council’s current policy requires provision of 25% of developments involving 25 or more dwellings to be affordable. However, the eventual requirement to be set out in the Local Plan will be developed taking into account viability issues and the requirements of the NPPF.

### Alternative Options

- 4.20 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council’s approach to the provision of affordable housing. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that plans should set out the contributions expected from development including setting out the levels and types of affordable housing provision required. It specifies that planning policies should require at least 10% of housing developments of 10 or more houses to be affordable.
- 4.21 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the provision of less affordable homes and an increase in people’s inability to get onto the property ladder.

## Special Needs Housing

Policy  
Direction  
**H5**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that in order to meet the needs of a growing elderly population, development that meets these needs will be supported as long as they satisfy certain criteria. Other groups with specialist housing needs should also be considered in this policy.

## Justification

- 4.22 One of the key issues to be addressed through the Bury Local Plan is the demand for a range of house types, sizes and tenures across all sections of the community.
- 4.23 With Greater Manchester seeking to become an age-friendly city region, policies that meet the needs of the elderly, especially in terms of housing can help meet these aims.
- 4.24 Recent population projections indicate that there is likely to be a significant increase in the number of people aged over-65. These groups will have specific housing and care requirements and sufficient accommodation will have to be delivered in order to meet these needs.

## Alternative Options

- 4.25 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council’s approach to the provision of special needs housing. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that one of the key aspects of supporting the Government’s objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes, is the need to ensure that the needs of groups with specific housing requirements are addressed. With an ageing population, it is anticipated that there will be an increased need to cater for specialist housing needs.
- 4.26 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to these housing needs going unmet and people having to live in inappropriate housing.

### Self-build and custom housebuilding

**Policy Direction H6**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy setting out the criteria that will be used to determine proposals for self-build and custom housebuilding.

## Justification

- 4.27 Self-build and custom-build housing is defined as housing built by an individual, a group of individuals, or persons working with or for them, to be occupied by that individual. Such housing can be either market or affordable housing.

- 4.28 The Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act of 2015 requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a register of individuals and associations of individuals who are seeking to acquire serviced plots of land for their own self-build and custom housebuilding.
- 4.29 The NPPF states the housing needs for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies. This should include the needs of people who wish to commission or build their own homes.

### Alternative Options

- 4.30 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council’s approach to self-build and custom housebuilding. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that one of the key aspects of supporting the Government’s objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes, is the need to ensure that the needs of groups with specific housing requirements are addressed.
- 4.31 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan failing to the needs of those wishing to undertake a self-build or custom housing development.

## Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

Policy  
Direction  
**H7**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy, accompanied by site allocations, that seeks to ensure that the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople are addressed. The policy would include criteria against which proposals for sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople would be assessed.

### Justification

- 4.32 The NPPF specifies that the housing needs of all sections of the community need to be addressed through the Local Plan, including the accommodation requirements of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople.
- 4.33 Research is being undertaken to identify the level and type of accommodation needs for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople. This research will be used to determine the pitch requirements, which will then need to be delivered at the local level through the Local Plan.

- 4.34 The Policy should also set out the key locational criteria that will be used to help identify appropriate sites across the Borough and will be used to assess planning applications on sites that are not specifically allocated for that purpose.

### Alternative Options

- 4.35 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council’s approach to provision for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that one of the key aspects of supporting the Government’s objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes, is the need to ensure that the needs of groups with specific housing requirements are addressed.
- 4.36 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to manage new housing in a way that meets housing needs of the community and could lead to the unplanned development of sites in unsuitable and unsustainable locations.

## The Form and Layout of New Housing Development

Policy Direction  
**H8**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that residential development should be well-designed, contributes to GM zero carbon targets and makes a positive contribution to the surrounding area. It is also considered that this policy should specify the criteria that will be used to assess all proposals for new housing.

### Justification

- 4.37 The NPPF specifies that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities. In addition, GM Targets for zero carbon are ambitious and demanding and it is vital that new build leads the way in future proofing our communities.
- 4.38 It is intended to include a policy on the form and layout of new housing in order to establish the basis for assessing the potential impact of proposals for new residential development on the surrounding environment, including its

relationship to its setting and its contribution towards opportunities for walking, cycling and safe play.

- 4.39 In addition, it is essential that the layout of a proposal enables reasonable standards of privacy and residential amenity in order to balance the continued demand for housing with the need to improve the quality of life for the Borough's residents.

### Alternative Options

- 4.40 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council's approach to the form and layout of new housing development. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve and that plans should set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable.
- 4.41 The Council has also considered the alternative option of assessing the form and layout of new housing against a generic design policy (Policy Direction OP6). However, this option was also discounted on the basis that housing development can give rise to specific issues and impacts that are not necessarily generic to all forms of development.
- 4.42 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to adequately manage the design and layout of new housing development.

## Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties

Policy  
Direction  
H9

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy setting out the criteria that will be considered when determining applications for the alteration of and extensions to residential properties.

### Justification

- 4.43 Whilst changes to the General Permitted Development Order now allow some forms of residential extension to go ahead without a need for planning permission, some alterations still require planning permission.
- 4.44 Extensions and alterations to dwellings, including garden extensions and garages, can be visually intrusive; restrict daylight, privacy and outlook to

neighbouring properties and unacceptably reduce the available garden area. A policy on alterations and extensions to residential properties would ensure that such development is of a high standard of design and would not cause unacceptable adverse impacts.

- 4.45 As such, it is considered necessary to include a policy that seeks to manage the design, form and size of proposed extensions and alterations to ensure that they are sympathetic in nature with the original building and surrounding area.

### Alternative Options

- 4.46 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out what should be taken into account in assessing proposals for alterations and extensions to residential properties. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve and that plans should set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable.
- 4.47 The Council has also considered the alternative option of assessing proposals for alterations and extensions to residential properties against a generic design policy (Policy Direction OP6). However, this option was also discounted on the basis that alterations and extensions to existing housing can give rise to specific issues and impacts that are not necessarily generic to all forms of development.
- 4.48 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to adequately manage proposals for the alteration of and extension to existing residential property.

## Residential Conversions

Policy  
Direction  
**H10**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy setting out the criteria that will be considered when determining applications to convert a building into two or more self-contained units or a House of Multiple Occupation.

## Justification

- 4.49 Given the trend towards smaller households, the conversion of buildings into self-contained units and houses in multiple occupation can be an effective way of providing small, relatively low cost accommodation.
- 4.50 However, it is necessary to ensure that dwelling standards are maintained and to ensure that, generally, an over-provision of such property does not adversely affect the need to maintain a good mix of housing types or the character and amenity of residential areas.

## Alternative Options

- 4.51 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out what should be taken into account in assessing proposals for residential conversions. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve and that plans should set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable.
- 4.52 The Council has also considered the alternative option of assessing proposals for alterations and extensions to residential properties against a generic design policy (Policy Direction OP6). However, this option was also discounted on the basis that residential conversions can give rise to specific issues and impacts that are not necessarily generic to all forms of development.
- 4.53 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to adequately manage proposals for residential conversions.

# 5 Economy and Employment

## Introduction

- 5.1 The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. Significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development. The approach taken should allow each area to build on its strengths, counter any weaknesses and address the challenges of the future.
- 5.2 In terms of economic development and employment, the GMSF will establish the quantitative floorspace requirements for office, industrial and warehousing development across Greater Manchester and will seek to ensure a distribution of development that helps to achieve the strategic economic priorities for Greater Manchester.
- 5.3 Some of the key local issues associated with the Borough's existing local economy and employment<sup>1</sup> are connected to a traditionally inadequate land supply, low quality and low paid employment opportunities and the need to create greater economic diversity in order to minimise the impact of declining employment in the manufacturing sector and anticipated public sector cuts.
- 5.4 In response to these issues, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to deliver a competitive and diverse local economy and high quality jobs. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Employment Land Provision;
  - New Business, Industrial and Warehousing Development;
  - Employment Generating Areas; and
  - Employment Sites Outside Employment Generating Areas.

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<sup>1</sup> References to 'employment' within the Local Plan relate to offices (B1a), research and development (B1b), light industrial (B1c), general industrial (B2) and warehousing (B8) uses.

## Employment Land Provision

Policy  
Direction  
**EC1**

It is proposed that, in conjunction with the GMSF, the Local Plan should include a policy, accompanied by site allocations, that seeks to encourage new office, industrial and warehousing development through the identification of good quality and deliverable employment sites to meet the needs identified in the GMSF.

### Justification

- 5.5 The Local Plan can play a significant role in supporting the economy in terms of encouraging inward investment through the identification of a comprehensive range of good quality and suitably-located employment sites.
- 5.6 It is proposed that a policy on employment land provision would reflect Bury's requirements for office, industrial and warehousing floorspace as identified in the GMSF and would identify non-strategic allocations in support of the strategic allocations identified through the GMSF.

### Alternative Options

- 5.7 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the Council's approach to the provision of employment land and associated site allocations. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. It states that significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.
- 5.8 It is considered that the omission of the policy and associated site allocations would not provide the certainty that the development industry requires in terms of where new employment-related development will be focused.

## New Business, Industrial and Warehousing Development

Policy  
Direction  
EC2

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that sets out the key factors that will be taken into account in considering proposals for new office, industrial and warehousing development.

### Justification

- 5.9 This policy would be used as a basis for assessing the overall design and environmental impact of new proposals for business, industrial and warehousing development. Ensuring good design in terms of scale, size, density, layout, height and materials is important in maintaining and improving the image of the Borough.
- 5.10 At the same time, it is important that the surrounding environment is protected by: seeking adequate access and parking arrangements; landscape and boundary treatments to separate or minimise any effect on neighbouring uses, where appropriate; and by ensuring the effects of noise, dust, smell, vibration, air and water pollution do not have an unacceptable effect on neighbouring properties and the health of our communities. It is also considered important that such developments promote the use of Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles and active travel and that the safety of employees, visitors and adjacent occupiers is also be taken into account.

### Alternative Options

- 5.11 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out what should be taken into account in assessing proposals for new business, industrial and warehousing development. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF specifies that the creation of high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve and that plans should set out a clear design vision and expectations, so that applicants have as much certainty as possible about what is likely to be acceptable.
- 5.12 The Council has also considered the alternative option of assessing proposals for new business, industrial and warehousing development against a generic design policy (Policy Direction OP6). However, this option was also discounted on the basis that this type of development can give rise to specific issues and impacts that are not necessarily generic to all forms of development.

- 5.13 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to adequately manage proposals for new business, industrial and warehousing development.

## Employment Generating Areas

Policy  
Direction  
EC3

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that the Borough's established Employment Generating Areas (EGAs) should be consolidated, retained and, where necessary, regenerated in order to help to create a sustainable, diverse and competitive local economy, to provide certainty to businesses operating from within them and to maintain existing and future employment opportunities for the Borough's local population.

It is considered that the policy should highlight that, within the EGAs, development will generally only be allowed for Business (B1), General Industrial (B2) and Warehousing (B8) uses.

The policy should also set out the circumstances where development for non-employment uses within EGAs may be considered acceptable.

### Justification

- 5.14 If existing firms and jobs are to be protected in the Borough it is important that investment for employment generating purposes is encouraged. Protecting EGAs for employment uses will help to achieve this by providing businesses with a degree of certainty as to the future use of these areas, avoiding the introduction of conflicting land uses and having an important part to play in retaining local employment opportunities.

### Alternative Options

- 5.15 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to development proposals within designated Employment Generating Areas. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. It states that significant weight should be placed on the need to support

economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.

- 5.16 It is considered that the omission of a policy seeking to retain existing concentrations of employment uses would not provide the certainty that businesses need in terms of the future use of the area within which they are operating and could undermine the Borough’s local economy through the loss of sites to non-employment uses.

## Employment Sites Outside Employment Generating Areas

Policy Direction  
EC4

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that, outside designated Employment Generating Areas, the Council would seek to retain existing employment sites in Business (B1), General Industrial (B2) or Warehousing (B8) uses in order to help to create a sustainable and competitive local economy, to ensure a diverse supply of employment sites and to maintain accessible employment opportunities for the Borough’s local population.

The policy should also set out the circumstances where development on existing employment sites for non-employment uses may be considered acceptable.

### Justification

- 5.17 Outside the main concentrations of employment (i.e. the Employment Generating Areas), the Borough contains a significant amount of either individual or small clusters of employment uses which, given Bury’s industrial heritage, often comprise older premises in what can sometimes be described as secondary locations and often close to residential areas. Such sites do, however, provide more affordable accommodation and offer the opportunity for people to work close to where they live, thus potentially reducing travel distances and reliance on the private car as a way of travelling to work. Consequently, the policy would broadly support the retention of appropriate sites as important local opportunities for employment.

### Alternative Options

- 5.18 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to development proposals involving other employment sites outside Employment Generating Areas. However, this

option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. It states that significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.

- 5.19 It is considered that the omission of a policy seeking to retain existing and appropriate employment sites outside of Employment Generating Areas could increase pressures to redevelop suitable employment sites that provide a valuable source of accessible local employment and which contribute towards the Borough's varied supply of employment premises.

# 6 Town Centres and Main Town Centre Uses

## Introduction

- 6.1 Town centres are locations that sit at the heart of our communities. The vitality of town centres is largely underpinned by retail activity but recent years have seen significant challenges to this sector, particularly with the impacts of the recession and rapidly changing shopping patterns. In turn, this has presented a significant challenge to the Borough's hierarchy of centres.
- 6.2 The NPPF specifies that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation.
- 6.3 Some of the key local issues associated with the Borough's town centres are varying levels of vitality in the Borough's key centres and that the Local Plan should ensure that it meets needs for main town centre uses. The Council's key aim is to support and enhance the vitality of the Borough's hierarchy of centres. This will include adopting the 'town centres first' approach to proposals for main town centre uses.
- 6.4 In response to these issues, the Local Plan it is considered that the Local Plan should seeks to support a hierarchy of vital and viable town, district, local and neighbourhood centres. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Hierarchy and Role Of Centres;
  - Town Centre Development Opportunities;
  - Managing the Location and Scale of Main Town Centre Uses;
  - Primary Shopping Areas;
  - Local and Neighbourhood Centres;
  - Local Shops and Services; and
  - Upper Floors in Centres.

## Hierarchy and Role of Centres

Policy  
Direction  
**TC1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough's hierarchy of town, district and local centres by making them the key focus for new development involving main town centre uses.

It is considered that the hierarchy of centres should comprise:

- Sub-regional town centre – Bury.
- Other town centres – Ramsbottom, Radcliffe, Prestwich.
- District centres – Tottington, Whitefield, Sedgley Park.
- Local centres.
- Neighbourhood Centres.

It is considered that the policy should specify that additions to the retail hierarchy may be appropriate to serve major population increases arising through significant new residential development where prospective residents would otherwise have limited access to such facilities and where they are in locations that are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport.

### Justification

- 6.5 The Borough is host to a diverse hierarchy of centres ranging from the sub-regionally significant town centre of Bury which acts as the Borough's key focal point, to smaller local and neighbourhood centres which serve the local and day-to-day needs of the area. The identification of a hierarchy of centres reflects the Council's recognition that these centres are accessible and play a valuable role at the heart of communities and the aim to ensure that the vitality and viability of these centres is maintained and, where possible, enhanced. The policy would also highlight the potential for additional local/neighbourhood centres to be added to this hierarchy where these are considered necessary to serve new residential development that might otherwise be poorly served by such facilities.

## Alternative Options

- 6.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy identifying a hierarchy of centres and their respective roles. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation and that policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters.
- 6.7 In addition, the inclusion of a policy setting out a hierarchy of centres and identifying these as the principle focus for main town centre uses is a specific requirement of the NPPF.

### Town Centre Development Opportunities

Policy  
Direction  
TC2

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy, accompanied by site allocations, that seeks to support the vitality and resilience of the Borough's town centres by encouraging the development and regeneration of key town centre sites.

## Justification

- 6.8 One of the key aims of the Local Plan is to support the Borough's town centres and to capitalise on opportunities to strengthen their vitality and resilience.
- 6.9 Town centres have developed over many years and, inevitably, circumstances change over time with new opportunities for regeneration arising on a fairly consistent basis. In order to support the vitality and resilience of these town centres and to ensure that they adapt and evolve, it is important that the redevelopment of town centre regeneration opportunities is heavily promoted.
- 6.10 It is proposed that the policy would be accompanied by site allocations that specifically identify the main regeneration opportunities within the Borough's key centres.

## Alternative Options

- 6.11 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to town centre development opportunities and associated site allocations. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation and that policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters.
- 6.12 The NPPF also states that planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. It states that significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development. It states that local policies can be used to set out more detail for specific areas, neighbourhoods or types of development and that this can include allocating sites.
- 6.13 It is considered that the omission of the policy and its associated site allocations would not provide the certainty that the development industry requires in terms of where key town centre development opportunities are and the types of uses that would be considered acceptable.

### Managing the Location and Scale of Main Town Centre Uses

Policy Direction  
TC3

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough’s hierarchy of centres by ensuring that proposals for town centre uses are in an appropriate location and that proposals for retail, leisure and office development are not of a scale that would have significant adverse impacts.

In managing the location of town centre uses, the policy would require a sequential assessment in conjunction with planning

applications involving sites that are not in an existing centre<sup>2</sup> and not in accordance with the Local Plan.

In order to ensure that full consideration is given to the scale of development and whether this would have any significant adverse impacts, the policy would ensure that proposals involving additional retail, leisure or office floorspace in locations that are not in an existing centre, not in accordance with the Local Plan and in excess of locally-derived floorspace thresholds<sup>3</sup> should be accompanied by an Impact Assessment in line with the requirements of the NPPF.

## Justification

- 6.14 In accordance with national policy, the Council is keen to support the vitality and viability of the Borough's hierarchy of existing centres by ensuring that they remain the focus for main town centre uses and, in the case of retail, leisure and office uses, that any such development does not have a significant adverse impact on a centre by virtue of its scale.

## Alternative Options

- 6.15 The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. It also states that local planning authorities should apply a sequential test to planning applications for main town centre uses which are neither in an existing centre nor in accordance with an up-to-date plan and that when assessing applications for retail and leisure development outside town centres, which are not in accordance with an up-to-date plan, local planning authorities should require an impact assessment if the development is over a proportionate, locally set floorspace threshold.

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<sup>2</sup> For retail purposes, the 'centre' extends to the defined primary shopping areas of town centres and the boundaries of district and local shopping centres. For the other main town centre uses (as defined in the NPPF), the 'centre' will extend to the wider town centre boundary and the boundaries of district and local centres.

<sup>3</sup> The policy would be supported by evidence to justify locally-derived floorspace thresholds that should be applied to out-of-centre proposals and edge-of-centre proposals involving town, district and local centres.

- 6.16 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to managing the location and scale of main town centre uses. Whilst the requirement for a sequential assessment is established in the NPPF, the proposed identification of floorspace thresholds for the application of impact assessments will be locally-derived. It is considered that a policy within the Local Plan covering the sequential and impact assessment will add certainty in terms of what applicants will be expected to undertake in conjunction with proposals for main town centre uses.
- 6.17 The Council has also considered the alternative option of not defining locally-derived floorspace thresholds to trigger the requirement for an impact assessment and to use the NPPF’s default threshold of 2,500 sq.m. However, this was discounted as development of this size is considered to have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts on existing centres – particularly lower order centres.

## Primary Shopping Areas

Policy  
Direction  
TC4

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to maintain retailing (Class A1) as the predominant use at ground floor level within the Primary Shopping Areas of town and district centres and that any opportunities for regeneration or redevelopment in these areas should be retail-led.

The policy should also identify the factors that will be considered in dealing with proposals for a change of use or redevelopment within these areas.

### Justification

- 6.18 At the heart of the Borough’s town and district centres is the area where retail uses are concentrated. Whilst it is recognised that changing retail patterns and the growth of on-line retailing is likely to lead to a reduction in retailers operating from within shop units, retailing is, and will continue to be, an important use in driving footfall and maintaining and enhancing the vitality and viability of centres. Consequently, the general aim is to ensure that retailing remains the predominant use within Primary Shopping Areas.
- 6.19 In assessing proposals for a change of use from retail to a non-retail use, the Council will take into account a number of considerations including the nature and character of the use proposed, the vitality and viability of the centre and

the prominence of its location within the street scene. In this respect, the Council is keen to encourage attractive uses which maintain activity and encourage footfall throughout the day. This is seen as particularly relevant to centres that have experienced a prolonged period of decline where there may be scope for consolidating and strengthening the centre by allowing for a wider range of services and promoting a greater diversification of uses.

### Alternative Options

- 6.20 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach that will be taken to proposed development within the Primary Shopping Areas of key centres. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation. It also states that planning policies should define the extent of town centres and primary shopping areas and make clear which uses will be permitted in such locations.
- 6.21 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to adequately manage development proposals within Primary Shopping Areas and this may, in turn, undermine the vitality and viability of those centres.

## Local and Neighbourhood Centres

Policy Direction  
**TC5**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that recognises the importance of local retail facilities within the Borough’s Local and Neighbourhood Centres and identifies the factors that will be considered in determining proposals for the change of use of retail (Class A1) to a non-retail use.

### Justification

- 6.22 In addition to town and district centres, the Borough contains smaller local or neighbourhood centres and other local shops that provide for the day-to-day needs of their surrounding communities.
- 6.23 This policy would recognise the valuable contribution made by these facilities and seek to manage proposals to change the use of these existing retail uses in order to maintain a convenient and accessible community resource.

## Alternative Options

- 6.24 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to retail provision within local and neighbourhood centres. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation and that policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters.
- 6.25 It also states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles – for example through the provision local shops and should guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs. Policies should also ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community.
- 6.26 It is considered that the omission of the policy may undermine the role and function of local and neighbourhood centres which are important in serving the day-to-day shopping needs of local communities and reducing the need to travel.

### Local Shops and Services

Policy  
Direction  
TC6

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to retain local shops and services outside recognised centres, particularly where these serve the day-to-day needs of local communities that would otherwise have limited access to such facilities.

- 6.27 Although not of a sufficient scale to be recognised as a local or neighbourhood centre, local shops and services can play an important role in meeting the day-to-day needs of local communities (especially those that are less mobile) and this is particularly the case in more isolated and less accessible locations, such as in rural village settlements.

- 6.28 The policy would seek to resist proposals that would involve the loss of local shops and services outside recognised centres and, in doing so, would consider the availability and accessibility of other opportunities for the local community to meet their day-to-day shopping and service needs.
- 6.29 Where the proposal involves former shops and services that are vacant, the Council will expect the applicant to provide robust evidence to demonstrate that the premises have been comprehensively marketed and that there has been no interest in maintaining the premises as a local shop or service.

### Alternative Options

- 6.30 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to local shops and services. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation and that policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters.
- 6.31 It also states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles – for example through the provision local shops and should guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs. Policies should also ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community
- 6.32 It is considered that the omission of the policy may undermine the role and function of local and neighbourhood centres which are important in serving the day-to-day shopping needs of local communities and reducing the need to travel.

## Upper Floors in Centres

Policy  
Direction  
**TC7**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to support proposals which bring underused and vacant space on upper floors of premises within centres back into beneficial use.

## Justification

- 6.33 It is often the case that the upper floors of premises within centres are vacant or underused and this is considered to represent a waste of a valuable resource and the under-utilisation of space. Many floors above shops and other commercial properties are used for storage or left partially or completely empty, which generally leads to poor standards of maintenance and visual appearance. Other premises have vacant and obsolete office space which is difficult to let because of poor accommodation.
- 6.34 The policy would reflect the Council's aim to encourage a range of uses, such as offices and living accommodation, within upper floors which will contribute to the overall vitality of centres and help to retain and improve their liveliness and attractiveness.

## Alternative Options

- 6.35 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to upper floors in centres. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should support the role that town centres play at the heart of local communities, by taking a positive approach to their growth, management and adaptation and that policies should define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability – by allowing them to grow and diversify in a way that can respond to rapid changes in the retail and leisure industries, allows a suitable mix of uses (including housing) and reflects their distinctive characters.
- 6.36 It is considered that the omission of the policy would overlook a key element of the Council's approach to maintaining and enhancing the vitality and viability of the Borough's centres through increased resident populations.

# 7 Tourism and Culture

## Introduction

- 7.1 In recognition of the value of tourism and culture to the wider economy, the NPPF identifies these uses as main town centre uses specifying that needs for these uses should be met in full. In addition, the NPPF also recognises the positive impact that tourism can have on the rural economy, specifying that local plans should support sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments that benefit businesses in rural areas, communities and visitors, and which respect the character of the countryside. This should include supporting the provision and expansion of tourist and visitor facilities in appropriate locations where identified needs are not met by existing facilities in rural service centres.
- 7.2 The Borough's tourism and cultural assets play an important role in the wider local economy both in terms of visitor spend and in creating a vibrant living environment that will be attractive to a highly skilled workforce. At present, Bury's key tourism and cultural assets are the East Lancashire Railway, the West Pennine Moors, Bury's Market, the Irwell Valley, Transport Museum, the Fusiliers Museum, Sculpture Centre and the recently refurbished MET. These assets are supplemented by a programme of town centre events that attract additional footfall and together they help to attract and retain a talented workforce which is of further benefit to the Borough's economy.
- 7.3 Therefore, it is considered that one of the Local Plan's key aims should be to safeguard existing and promoting new tourism and cultural development in appropriate locations. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Tourism and Cultural Assets.

## Tourism and Cultural Assets

Policy  
Direction  
**TO1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that recognises the significant contribution that tourism and culture makes towards the competitiveness and diversity of the local economy and in improving the attractiveness and quality of life within the Borough and set out the key means by which the Local Plan will endeavour to support and develop the Borough's tourism and cultural offer.

### Justification

- 7.4 Tourism and culture are increasingly seen as important and inter-related components of economic development that provide both direct and indirect support to a wide array of service industries from restaurants to music venues.
- 7.5 Not only does the tourism and culture sector make a direct contribution towards the Borough's economy in its own right but it also has indirect benefits in terms of making the Borough a more attractive place to live for a high-skilled and knowledge-intensive workforce.

### Alternative Options

- 7.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to tourism and cultural assets. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that, in building a strong and competitive economy, planning policies and decisions should help create the conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt. Significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth and productivity, taking into account both local business needs and wider opportunities for development.
- 7.7 It is considered that the omission of the policy would overlook the role that tourism and culture plays as a key contributor to the strength and competitiveness of Bury's wider local economy.

# 8 Open Space, Sport and Recreation

## Introduction

- 8.1 The NPPF recognises that access to a network of high quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities.
- 8.2 Open space, sport and recreational facilities can take many forms, from formal sports pitches to areas of incidental open space within a development, linear corridors and country parks. In addition to health and wellbeing, it can have ecological value and form an important part of the Borough's green infrastructure network. It can also play an important role in the landscape and setting of built development and is an integral aspect of sustainable development.
- 8.3 Some of the key local issues associated with the provision of open space and opportunities to get involved in sport and recreational activity are that there are significant and rising levels of obesity in children and adults, that levels of physical inactivity are sizeable and that there is a need to increase opportunities to travel by walking and cycling. Coupled with this, there are identified deficiencies in the quantity, quality and accessibility of all types of open space across the Borough.
- 8.4 In response to these issues, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to ensure that the Borough's residents have access to a sufficient amount of good quality open space, sport and recreation facilities. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies in relation to the following:
- Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision;
  - New Housing Development and the Provision of Open Space, Sport and Recreation; and
  - Recreation Routes.

## Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision

Policy  
Direction  
**OS1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to retain an adequate supply of good quality and accessible open space, sport and recreational assets and set out the circumstances where development of such sites may be acceptable in principle.

The policy would also support proposals for the enhancement of existing open space, sport and recreation facilities.

### Justification

- 8.5 Easy access to good quality open space, sport and recreational facilities can make an important contribution towards the health and well-being of the Borough's communities and can provide opportunities for people to pursue a more active lifestyle.
- 8.6 As a result, it is important to ensure that such sites are protected from development where they currently fulfil, or have the potential to fulfil, the needs and aspirations of the local community. This includes recognising the contribution that education recreation facilities and playing fields can make towards the provision of facilities for the wider community.
- 8.7 In addition to quantity, it is important that the quality of open space, sport and recreational facilities is of a high standard in order to enable effective and regular use.

### Alternative Options

- 8.8 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to protecting and enhancing open space, sport and recreation provision. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure and sports facilities and allotments.
- 8.9 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the loss of and provision of poor quality open space, sport and recreational facilities to the detriment of the health and wellbeing of Bury's communities.

## New Housing Development and the Provision of Open Space, Sport and Recreation

Policy  
Direction  
**OS2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that developers of all new housing would be expected to make provision for new or enhanced open space, sport and recreation to meet the needs of the prospective residents and set out the requirements for this provision.

### Justification

- 8.10 New housing development within the Borough brings with it an increase in population and a subsequent increase in demands for open space, sport and recreational facilities.
- 8.11 If the increase in demand for recreation is not met through the new development, then this is likely to place excessive demands on existing facilities which, in turn, may have an adverse impact on quality.

### Alternative Options

- 8.12 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to the provision of open space, sport and recreation in new housing development. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure and sports facilities and allotments.
- 8.13 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to a decline in the levels of open space, sport and recreational facilities relative to population and increased demands on existing facilities would have a detrimental impact on the quality of provision.

## Recreation Routes

Policy  
Direction  
**OS3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that, in promoting access to the countryside, the Council would seek to establish a network of designated recreational routes to provide access, where appropriate, for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. These routes would be safeguarded and, where necessary, enhanced and any development which would prejudice their establishment or use would not be permitted.

### Justification

- 8.14 The Council's intention is to improve opportunities for all users to gain access to the countryside and that recreational routes are central to achieving this by creating accessible links between the Borough's communities and the wider countryside.
- 8.15 The identification, retention and improvement of these routes will provide opportunities for more active lifestyle choices and potential to improve health and wellbeing.

### Alternative Options

- 8.16 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to recreational routes. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs. It also states that planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails.
- 8.17 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the loss of opportunities for access into the countryside to the detriment of the health and wellbeing of the Borough's communities.

# 9 Community Facilities

## Introduction

- 9.1 The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should plan positively for the provision and use of community facilities to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments and guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs.
- 9.2 It also states that it is important that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. Local planning authorities should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to meeting this requirement, and to development that will widen choice in education.
- 9.3 Some of the key local issues associated with the Borough's community facilities are that a growing and ageing population will put increased pressures on community facilities and that some existing facilities are in poor condition and in need of investment.
- 9.4 In response to these issues, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to ensure that the Borough's residents have adequate access to community facilities. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Community Facilities; and
  - New Housing Development and the Education Provision.

## Community Facilities

Policy  
Direction  
CF1

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that proposals that would result in the loss of sites and premises currently or last used for the provision of community facilities or services will normally be resisted and will set out the circumstances where the loss of such facilities may be considered acceptable.

It is also considered that the policy should identify the key considerations against which proposals for new and improved community facilities will be assessed.

If necessary, the policy would be accompanied by relevant site allocations for new and improved community facilities.

### Justification

- 9.5 Community facilities make an important contribution to the quality of life offered by the Borough. Therefore, safeguarding and improving community facilities will help to maintain and improve the quality of life enjoyed by the Borough's residents.

### Alternative Options

- 9.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy seeking to safeguard and improve community facilities. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which promote social interaction, including opportunities for meetings between people who might not otherwise come into contact with each other. This can include planning positively for the provision and use of community facilities and guarding against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities.
- 9.7 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the unguarded loss of opportunities for social interaction to the detriment of the health and wellbeing of the Borough's communities.

## New Housing Development and Education Provision

Policy  
Direction  
CF2

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that developers of new housing will be expected to make provision for new or enhanced education facilities to meet the needs of the prospective school-aged residents.

### Justification

- 9.8 Increases in the number of school-aged children arising from the introduction of new housing leads to increased demand for educational facilities and, as such, it is considered appropriate for developers of new housing to make provision to meet this increased demand.

### Alternative Options

- 9.9 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy relating to education provision in conjunction with new housing development. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that it is important that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities and that local planning authorities should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to meeting this requirement.
- 9.10 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to increased demands on existing schools without having a formal mechanism in place for these demands to be met in conjunction with new housing development.

# 10 Accessibility

## Introduction

- 10.1 The promotion of sustainable transport is one of the key themes of the NPPF and that planning should seek to encourage a reduction in the need to travel and make provision for genuine and realistic alternatives to travelling by car. It states that transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals.
- 10.2 Some of the key local issues associated with accessibility in the Borough are connected to traffic congestion at peak periods, air quality issues arising from transport and inadequacies in the capacity and quality of public transport and its supporting infrastructure.
- 10.3 In response to these issues, it is considered that the Local Plan should deliver sustainable transport choices in new developments and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private car. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Connectivity and Accessibility; and
  - Transport Requirements in New Development.

## Connectivity and Accessibility

Policy  
Direction  
**AC1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy seeking to direct significant new development into locations which encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by motor vehicles, setting out key areas that the Council will focus on in seeking to achieve this.

If necessary, the policy should also be accompanied by relevant site allocations for proposals to improve connectivity and accessibility.

### Justification

- 10.4 Accessibility to jobs, services and attractions by sustainable transport is key to delivering Bury's long term growth, reducing carbon emissions, and improving the local environment and quality of life for all the Borough's residents.
- 10.5 The Local Plan has a central role in delivering the Government's objectives for an integrated approach to land use and transport planning. It can actively manage the pattern of growth and development to encourage more sustainable transport choices such as the use of public transport, walking and cycling as realistic alternatives to the motor vehicles.

### Alternative Options

- 10.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy relating to connectivity and accessibility. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that the planning system should actively manage patterns of growth and that significant development should be focused on locations which are or can be made sustainable, through limiting the need to travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes. This can help to reduce congestion and emissions, and improve air quality and public health.
- 10.7 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to development occurring in unsustainable locations which is inadequately served by opportunities to travel by means other than motor vehicles.

## Transport Requirements in New Development

Policy  
Direction  
**AC2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that development and transport planning are co-ordinated to improve accessibility, and prioritise the use of public transport, cycling and walking over motor vehicles.

The policy should also set out the specific requirements for all proposals for development which will generate demand for travel.

### Justification

- 10.8 Reducing the need to travel and encouraging the use of more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling by locating development in accessible locations is central to the Local Plan.
- 10.9 The proposed policy would introduce a series of measures designed to ensure that new development takes full account of the potential transport impacts and provides opportunities to promote more sustainable alternatives to travelling by private motor vehicle.

### Alternative Options

- 10.10 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy relating to connectivity and accessibility. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that the planning system should actively manage patterns of growth and that significant development should be focused on locations which are or can be made sustainable, through limiting the need to travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes. This can help to reduce congestion and emissions, and improve air quality and public health.
- 10.11 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to development being inadequately served by opportunities to travel by means other than motor vehicles.

# 11 Natural Environment

## Introduction

- 11.1 One of the key aims of the NPPF is that Local Plans should include policies for the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment, including policies to conserve areas of special landscape value, biodiversity and ecological assets and green infrastructure.
- 11.2 Some of the key local issues associated with the Borough's natural environment are connected to a varied range of landscape characters and geological and ecological assets and a requirement to protect, enhance and restore water bodies.
- 11.3 In response to these issues, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to protect and enhance the Borough's natural environment. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Green Infrastructure;
  - Biodiversity;
  - Geology and Geodiversity;
  - Water Resources;
  - Soils;
  - Landscape Character;
  - Contaminated and Unstable Land;
  - Minerals Development; and
  - Waste Development.

## Green Infrastructure

Policy  
Direction  
**NE1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure and support proposals to improve the connectivity and quality of the network where these accord with other Local Plan policies and proposals.

It is considered that the policy should seek to maintain the positive role and function of the green infrastructure network and ensure that proposals for new built-development and the change of use of land and existing buildings that could result in negative impacts are resisted unless it satisfies stated criteria.

### Justification

- 11.4 Green infrastructure is a term that is used to describe a network of multi-functional green space, urban and rural, which is capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities.
- 11.5 Bury's Green Infrastructure ranges from large scale components such as the uplands of the West Pennines Moorland and the Irwell Valley, which operate at the strategic level, to small local scale components such as neighbourhood open spaces (parks, woodlands, nature reserves, water bodies), residential gardens and grass verges.
- 11.6 The Council recognise the importance of green infrastructure in supporting growth both at the local and the City Region level and in improving connectivity between Bury and the neighbouring Greater Manchester districts of Rochdale and Bolton and the regional centre and inner areas of Manchester, Salford and Trafford as well as the Lancashire districts of Rossendale and Blackburn with Darwen.

### Alternative Options

- 11.7 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to green infrastructure. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that the planning system should make provision for safe and accessible green infrastructure in order to benefit health and wellbeing, climate change mitigation and adaptation and to help conserve and enhance the natural environment.

- 11.8 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the unmanaged loss of valuable green infrastructure.

## Biodiversity

Policy  
Direction  
**NE2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that proposals for new development minimise impacts on the Borough's biodiversity assets and provide net gains where possible.

It is considered that the policy should specify that where there is potential for new development to have an impact on any of the Borough's biodiversity assets, applicants should be expected to apply the sequential approach as outlined in national planning policy on biodiversity and geological conservation and provide evidence that any potential impact has been fully assessed and that, where potential impacts have been identified, measures have been taken to avoid, mitigate or compensate. The policy should also set out the factors that will be considered when assessing proposals that would have a potential impact on biodiversity assets.

## Justification

- 11.9 In terms of the sub-region of Greater Manchester, the Borough has an above average concentration of Sites of Biological Importance (SBIs) which makes a significant contribution towards the landscape character and perception of the Borough as an attractive location to live. SBIs also provide the main refuges for priority habitats and species as well as providing key nodes within the green infrastructure and wildlife network of the Borough.
- 11.10 From a biodiversity perspective, Bury has one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) covering part of the West Pennine Moors. This is designated in recognition of the quality of its mosaic of upland and upland fringe habitats.
- 11.11 There are two key areas of ancient woodland associated with the Irwell Valley and its tributaries which are at opposite ends of the Borough, in the north around Holcombe Brook and Summerseat, and in the south around Prestwich and Stand. Ancient woodlands are irreplaceable and are valuable biodiversity, cultural and heritage assets. Consequently, their loss should be avoided.

## Alternative Options

- 11.12 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to biodiversity. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that improving biodiversity is one of the key components of achieving sustainable development and that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing sites of biodiversity or geological value.
- 11.13 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the unmanaged loss of biodiversity assets.

## Geology and Geomorphology

Policy  
Direction  
**NE3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that proposals for new development minimise impacts on the Borough's geological and geomorphological assets and provide net gains where possible.

It is considered that the policy should specify that where there is potential for new development to have an impact on any of the Borough's geological and geomorphological assets, applicants should be expected to apply the sequential approach as outlined in national planning policy on biodiversity and geological conservation and provide evidence that any potential impact has been fully assessed and that, where potential impacts have been identified, measures have been taken to avoid, mitigate or compensate. The policy should also set out the factors that will be considered when assessing proposals that would have a potential impact on geological and geomorphological assets.

## Justification

- 11.14 Geological and geomorphological features provide insights into the environment during the carboniferous and post glacial era. It is important that these sites are protected as once they are lost, they are lost for ever.
- 11.15 In Bury, Ash Clough is a designated SSSI on the basis of it being an important river cliff showing exposed geology and this will be a key geological feature that the policy would be seeking to retain.

## Alternative Options

- 11.16 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to geology and geomorphology. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that improving biodiversity is one of the key components of achieving sustainable development and that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing sites of biodiversity or geological value.
- 11.17 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the unmanaged loss of geological assets.

## Water Resources

Policy  
Direction  
**NE4**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that sets out the criteria that should be taken into account when considering proposals that may have a potential impact on water resources.

It is proposed that the policy would also allow consideration of whether there are opportunities for a development to contribute towards restoring and improving the Borough's water resources.

## Justification

- 11.18 The River Irwell, River Roch and tributaries are key elements of the Borough's Green Infrastructure, wildlife network and landscape character and have contributed significantly to the geomorphology of the Borough.
- 11.19 The Environment Agency (EA) produced River Basin Management Plans for England and Wales to ensure that these countries can meet the duties set out under the European Water Framework Directive. The plans identify a number of actions to improve water quality and fisheries and reduce flood risk but also note the need to restore, where feasible, natural bank form and flood plain through the removal of culverts, canalisation and weirs. At a local level, the EA commissioned a study identifies specific recommendations for the physical restoration of the Irwell and Kirklees Brook. Recommendations included removal of weirs, reconnection of the Irwell to its natural flood plain and the need to install fish ladders on weirs that need to be retained for flood defence.

- 11.20 A similar study has been produced for the River Roch<sup>4</sup> which identified opportunities for river restoration in order to comply with the Water Framework Directive (WFD) mitigation measures. To this effect, weirs, revetment works and potential flood storage areas have been identified and possible options for improving channel morphology, habitat creation and diversity and increasing fish passage.

### Alternative Options

- 11.21 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to water resources. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by preventing new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of water pollution. It also states that development should, wherever possible, help to improve local environmental conditions such as air and water quality, taking into account relevant information such as river basin management plans.
- 11.22 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to development having a detrimental impact on water resources and a failure to capitalise on opportunities to contribute towards improvements to water resources, where opportunities arise.

## Soils

Policy  
Direction  
**NE5**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that sets out the criteria that should be taken into account when considering proposals that may have a potential impact on soil assets.

### Justification

- 11.23 Nationally, there has been a long-standing presumption against the loss of the most versatile agricultural soils i.e. those capable of producing regular

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<sup>4</sup> River Roch and Tributaries: Assessment of Options for River Restoration, February 2011

arable crops. Historically, the best and most versatile agricultural land was safeguarded because of its strategic importance in terms of food self-sufficiency for the country. However, the protection of such land is equally applicable today in terms of producing food locally and reducing 'food miles'.

- 11.24 Although the Borough has very little agricultural land that can be considered to be the best and most versatile, the Council will ensure that the small pockets that do exist are not adversely affected or lost to development.
- 11.25 The Borough also includes areas of degraded Blanket Bog and former mossland. The latter (primarily associated with Unsworth Moss) is now unlikely to be restored, however the peat associated with Holcombe Moor, though currently not actively growing, still represents an important area of locked carbon and potential source of paleo-ecological records.
- 11.26 Conservation, enhancement and restoration would combat climate change as actively growing peat will both lock additional carbon and retain more water.

### Alternative Options

- 11.27 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to soil resources. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by, amongst other things, protecting and enhancing soils.
- 11.28 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the unmanaged loss of or detrimental impact on the Borough's most important soil assets.

## Landscape Character

Policy  
Direction  
**NE6**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to protect, conserve and improve the landscape quality of the Borough, and encourage the enhancement of landscapes, where appropriate.

### Justification

- 11.29 The distinctive character of landscapes is dependent upon a combination of many different elements; including topography, the type and location of trees, woodlands and other vegetation, the character of settlements, the

nature of river valleys and local farming techniques. These various landscapes serve a valuable open land function. Encouraging and developing the quality of landscapes can give rise to areas of ecological interest.

### Alternative Options

- 11.30 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to landscape character. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by, amongst other things, protecting and enhancing valued landscapes.
- 11.31 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to unmanaged and detrimental impacts on the Borough’s most valued landscape assets.

## Contaminated and Unstable Land

Policy  
Direction  
**NE7**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that new development will not result in the contamination of land or land stability concerns and, where appropriate, will require a developer to take steps to remediate existing contaminated land and/or land stability issues.

### Justification

- 11.32 Land which is to be developed may have been contaminated by past land uses or waste disposal activity at or in the vicinity of the site. For sites where land contamination is known or likely to be present, or where the proposed development would be particularly vulnerable or sensitive to contamination, the local planning authority will require a desk study assessment and site reconnaissance, and possibly investigation, to be carried out prior to the application being determined. Any unacceptable risks should be identified and proposals made to deal with them to an appropriate standard taking into account the intended use, as part of the development process. Consideration should be given to both industrial and naturally-occurring contaminants.
- 11.33 The effects of ground instability vary in their nature, scale and extent. At their most extreme, they may threaten life and health or cause damage to buildings and structures. Difficulties have been experienced in developing land in areas of past and present mining and in other areas where land is unstable or potentially unstable. However, given proper safeguards, land

which has been damaged by mining or other industrial activities or which is naturally unstable can often be put to appropriate use.

### Alternative Options

- 11.34 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to contaminated and unstable land. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should ensure that a site is suitable for its proposed use taking account of ground conditions and any risks arising from land instability and contamination.
- 11.35 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to development being exposed to unacceptable levels of risk associated with contamination and land instability.

## Minerals Development

Policy  
Direction  
**NE8**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that proposals for development associated with minerals extraction will be considered against the policy framework established through the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document which sets out the sub-regional aggregate apportionment, designates areas of search and minerals safeguarding and includes policies for determining planning applications.

### Justification

- 11.36 The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document forms an integral part of Bury’s wider development plan and this will be used as the basis for determining planning applications for development associated with minerals.

### Alternative Options

- 11.37 The Council has considered the alternative option of not including a specific policy relating to minerals. However, in doing so, it was considered that the policy would provide a useful signpost to the policies and proposals of the Joint Minerals Plan.

## Waste Development

Policy  
Direction  
**NE9**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that proposals for development associated with waste disposal will be considered against the policy framework established through the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document which sets out the future waste management requirements for Greater Manchester together with site allocations, area designations, and policies for determining planning applications.

### Justification

- 11.38 The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document forms an integral part of Bury's wider development plan and this will be used as the basis for determining planning applications for development associated with waste.

### Alternative Options

- 11.39 The Council has considered the alternative option of not including a specific policy relating to waste development. However, in doing so, it was considered that the policy would provide a useful signpost to the policies and proposals of the Joint Waste Plan.

# 12 Green Belt

## Introduction

- 12.1 The NPPF specifies that the underlying aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. It specifies that once Green Belts have been defined, local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt, such as looking for opportunities to provide access; to provide opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation; to retain and enhance landscapes, visual amenity and biodiversity; or to improve damaged and derelict land.
- 12.2 In order to meet identified development needs across Greater Manchester, the draft GMSF is proposing an amended Green Belt for the sub-region, including changes to the boundary of the Green Belt in Bury. It is considered that the Local Plan should seek to protect and manage the extent of Bury's Green Belt (as it emerges through the GMSF). In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Development in the Green Belt;
  - Beneficial Use of the Green Belt;
  - Conversion and Re-Use of Buildings in the Green Belt;
  - Village Settlements in the Green Belt;
  - Agricultural, Forestry and Other Occupational Dwellings in the Green Belt;
  - Agricultural Diversification in the Green Belt; and
  - Equestrian Development in the Green Belt.

## Development in the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
**GB1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate unless very special circumstances can be clearly demonstrated.

It is considered that the policy should also set out the types of development that would be treated as an exception or which would not be regarded as inappropriate provided that they preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land in Green Belt.

### Justification

- 12.3 The NPPF attaches considerable importance to Green Belts, as their characteristics of openness and permanence are particularly highly valued. It states that strategic policies should establish the need for any changes to Green Belt boundaries, having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so they can endure beyond the plan period. The strategic policies within the GMSF will be considering the need to amend Green Belt boundaries across Greater Manchester.
- 12.4 It is proposed that the Local Plan will include a policy that seeks to maintain the Green Belt in Bury as identified through the GMSF and, in accordance with national planning policy, there will be a presumption against inappropriate development within it. Inappropriate development should not be approved, except in very special circumstances and these will not exist unless the harm by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm, is clearly outweighed by other considerations.
- 12.5 It is proposed that the policy would also promote the positive opportunities provided by Green Belts such as for countryside access, outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and Green Infrastructure, although it is also critical to set out the types of development which will not be suitable and may cause harm to the objectives of Green Belt policy.

### Alternative Options

- 12.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to development in the Green Belt. However,

this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances. It also sets out exceptions to this approach in terms of the types of development that would not be considered to be inappropriate.

- 12.7 It is considered that the inclusion of the policy would provide a degree of certainty as to the Council’s approach to new development in Green Belt.

## Beneficial Use of the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
GB2

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that supports proposals for the beneficial use of the Green Belt, including those that seek to improve access; opportunities for active travel, outdoor sport and recreation; the retention and enhancement of landscape character, visual amenity and biodiversity; or improve derelict land provided that they do not adversely impact on the openness of the Green Belt.

### Justification

- 12.8 Green Belts are characterised by their openness and permanence but this does not mean that positive steps cannot be taken to promote this land in a beneficial way such as enabling the increased use of land, improve visual amenity and its benefit to the natural environment.
- 12.9 However, the proposed policy would be keen to ensure that in promoting the beneficial use of Green Belt land, thorough consideration is given to whether this would cause any harm to the openness of the Green Belt.

### Alternative Options

- 12.10 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to the beneficial use of Green Belt land. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that once Green Belts have been defined, local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance their beneficial use.
- 12.11 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to provide the necessary means to ensure that securing the beneficial use of the Green Belt is not achieved at the expense of its openness.

## Conversion and Re-use of Buildings in the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
**GB3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that the conversion and re-use of buildings in the Green Belt is not inappropriate development and will be permitted providing that it satisfies specified criteria.

### Justification

- 12.12 When suitable safeguards are taken, the re-use or conversion of buildings should not prejudice the openness of the Green Belt since the buildings are already there. Re-use or conversion can help to secure the continued stewardship of land, especially by assisting farm diversification and can contribute to the objectives for the use of land in the Green Belt.
- 12.13 Buildings which have become so derelict that they could be brought into use only by complete or substantial reconstruction would not fall within the scope of this policy.

### Alternative Options

- 12.14 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to the conversion and reuse of buildings in the Green Belt. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that certain forms of development are also not inappropriate in the Green Belt provided they preserve its openness and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it. This includes the re-use of buildings provided that the buildings are of permanent and substantial construction.
- 12.15 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to the Local Plan being unable to provide a degree of certainty as to the Council's approach to the conversion and re-use of buildings in Green Belt.

## Village Settlements in the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
**GB4**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that Green Belt designations (as identified through

the GMSF) should be maintained across the Borough’s village settlements. It is proposed that the policy should specifically identify the Borough’s village settlements within the Green Belt and restrict development within them to limited infilling that is in scale with the village and that which would not adversely affect its character and surroundings.

## Justification

- 12.16 The Borough contains a number of village settlements that, because of their location outside the main urban area, are relatively isolated and self-contained settlements set within wider areas of open land and ‘washed over’ by Green Belt. It is proposed to maintain the Green Belt designations for these settlements and any development will be restricted to limited infilling that is in scale with the village and would not adversely affect its character and surroundings.

## Alternative Options

- 12.17 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to village settlements in the Green Belt. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that if it is necessary to restrict development in a village primarily because of the important contribution which the open character of the village makes to the openness of the Green Belt, the village should be included in the Green Belt. It also states that limited infilling within villages is an exception to inappropriate development in the Green Belt.
- 12.18 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to a lack of clarity in terms of which village settlements the policy would apply to.

## Agriculture, Forestry and Other Occupational Dwellings in the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
GB5

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that proposals for new dwellings to support agricultural, forestry and other occupational dwellings associated with activities acceptable in the Green Belt will only be permitted in very special circumstances, such as where they can demonstrate an essential need for rural workers to be housed at or in the immediate vicinity of their place of work.

## Justification

- 12.19 Dwellings associated with agriculture, forestry or other activities that are acceptable within the Green Belt will not be permitted in the Green Belt except in very special circumstances.
- 12.20 However, one exception may be where the Council can be satisfied there is an essential need for an agricultural worker to live in the vicinity of their workplace. In the interest of ensuring the openness of the Green Belt is not compromised unnecessarily by potentially intrusive development, the policy would seek to ensure that the applicant provides evidence that the dwelling is genuinely required to support the proper functioning of the enterprise, and that there are no realistic housing alternatives available elsewhere in the local area. The dwelling would also be expected to not be larger than is appropriate to meet the requirements of the enterprise. Proposals would need to demonstrate that the agricultural use connected to the dwelling is financially viable and secure but a temporary dwelling may be justified where there is uncertainty over the financial basis of the enterprise.

## Alternative Options

- 12.21 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to agriculture, forestry and other occupational dwellings in the Green Belt. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside except under certain circumstances. Once such circumstance is where there is an essential need for a rural worker, including those taking majority control of a farm business, to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside.
- 12.22 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially hinder the Council in robustly establishing whether the proposed dwelling was genuinely essential.

### Agricultural Diversification in the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
**GB6**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that supports proposals for agricultural diversification within the Green Belt provided that it satisfies specific criteria.

## Justification

- 12.23 The development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses and agricultural diversification into non-agricultural activities can help to maintain the commercial viability of farm enterprises, supporting the wider rural economy and helping to ensure that profitable agricultural uses are retained.
- 12.24 However, it is considered that the policy should require proposals for agricultural diversification to be accompanied by a comprehensive farm diversification plan which indicates how new uses will assist in retaining the viability of the farm and the agricultural enterprise, and how it complements other short or long term business plans for the farm.
- 12.25 Furthermore, in supporting agricultural diversification, the policy would seek to ensure that the countryside is not damaged by unrestrained and inappropriate development. As such, it is proposed that the policy should require diversification proposals to be of a scale and nature appropriate to the location and be capable of satisfactory integration into the rural landscape and should seek to reuse existing buildings wherever possible and have regard to the amenity and impacts on neighbouring uses.

## Alternative Options

- 12.26 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to agricultural diversification in the Green Belt. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should enable the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses.
- 12.27 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged attempts to diversify agricultural businesses which may not be viable over the longer-term.

### Equestrian Development in the Green Belt

Policy  
Direction  
**GB7**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that recognises equestrian uses as being appropriate in the Green Belt providing the size, scale and materials used preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it.

## **Justification**

- 12.28 The keeping of horses for recreational purposes or as part of commercially-based equestrian activities is a growing activity within the Borough, particularly within the Green Belt. It is proposed that the policy would consider proposals to be acceptable where they would not have an adverse effect on the appearance of the area.

## **Alternative Options**

- 12.29 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to equestrian development in the Green Belt. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should enable the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses.
- 12.30 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially mean that the Local Plan would not provide the necessary certainty for development proposals related to popular, commercially-based equestrian activity in Bury.

# 13 Built Heritage

## Introduction

- 13.1 The NPPF highlights the need to conserve heritage assets and that this should be considered in developing Local Plans and in decision-taking.
- 13.2 One of the key local issues associated with the Borough's built heritage is connected to the Borough's varied range of assets.
- 13.3 In response, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to protect and enhance the Borough's built heritage. In doing so, it is proposed that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies relating to the following:
- Conservation Areas;
  - Listed Buildings;
  - Scheduled Monuments;
  - Historic Parks;
  - Archaeological Features; and
  - Local Non-Designated Heritage Assets.

## Conservation Areas

**Policy  
Direction  
BH1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy highlighting a variety of actions that the Council could take in seeking to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Borough's Conservation Areas.

It is considered that the policy should also set out criteria that the Council will have regard to when considering proposals for development in Conservation Areas.

### Justification

- 13.4 Within any town or city there are areas which have a special character. This is usually derived from a sense of history, the existence of traditional buildings, and the spaces between buildings including the street pattern, trees, parks and gardens. Planning legislation recognises the value of these areas. It requires Local Planning Authorities to determine which parts of their area have a special architectural or historic interest which it is desirable to protect or enhance, and to designate these as Conservation Areas.
- 13.5 There are currently nine Conservation Areas in the Borough although the identification of further areas worthy of conservation is constantly under review. The aim of the policy would be to ensure that the special character inherent in the Borough's Conservation Areas should not only be preserved but enhanced as far as possible.

### Alternative Options

- 13.6 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to Conservation Areas. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment and that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation.
- 13.7 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development proposals and adverse impacts on the Borough's designated Conservation Areas.

## Listed Buildings

**Policy  
Direction  
BH2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that the character and setting of Listed Buildings will be safeguarded by not permitting works, alterations or changes of use which would have a detrimental effect on their historical or architectural character and features and that proposals for demolition will be opposed and will only be considered where it is demonstrated conclusively that the building(s) cannot be retained.

It is considered that the policy should also set out the factors that will be taken into account when dealing with applications for Listed Building Consent.

### Justification

- 13.8 Buildings of special architectural or historic interest are "listed" by the Secretary of State for the Environment. The listing of a building provides statutory protection against its alteration or demolition and it is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy to reinforce this protection and to ensure that their character and surroundings are maintained.
- 13.9 The list of buildings in Bury covers more than 320 buildings and structures. The type and character of these listed buildings is varied and reflects the historical development of the Borough. They include stone and timber framed buildings originating from the 15th, 16th and 17th century, mills, churches, telephone boxes and war memorials. However, not all of the items on the list are what we might think of as 'beautiful' buildings or structures. Buildings may be included for their special historical associations as well as their architectural merit.

### Alternative Options

- 13.10 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to Listed Buildings. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment and that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation. The NPPF goes on to state that

any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset should require clear and convincing justification and that substantial harm to or loss of a grade II listed building should be exceptional and wholly exceptional in the case of grade I and grade II\* listed buildings.

- 13.11 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development proposals and adverse impacts on the Borough’s Listed Buildings.

## Scheduled Monuments

**Policy  
Direction  
BH3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that development proposals will not be permitted where they would adversely affect current and future scheduled monuments and their settings.

### Justification

- 13.12 The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, provides for the designation and statutory protection of monuments of national importance (Scheduled Ancient Monuments) by the Secretary of State. Such monuments may consist of buried or standing archaeological remains, ruins and buildings.
- 13.13 At present, there are 4 ancient monuments in Bury. Although works affecting scheduled monuments require the written consent of the Secretary of State, a procedure separate from the planning process, the effect of a proposal on an ancient monument and its setting is a material planning consideration. Given the special importance of scheduled monuments, both nationally and in terms of the Borough's local heritage, it is proposed that the policy would not permit development which would adversely affect an ancient monument, either directly or indirectly, and would seek to promote and enhance them, where possible.

### Alternative Options

- 13.14 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to Scheduled Monuments. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment and that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset’s conservation. The NPPF goes on to state that

any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset should require clear and convincing justification and that substantial harm to or loss of a scheduled monument should be wholly exceptional.

- 13.15 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development proposals and adverse impacts on the Borough’s Scheduled Monuments.

## Historic Parks

**Policy  
Direction  
BH4**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that Philips Park, together with any other parks and gardens which may be identified in the future as being of special historic interest, will be protected as a Registered Historic Park of Special Historic Interest.

It is considered that the policy should also set out the factors that will be taken into account in dealing with proposals for development that may affect the site or setting of an Historic Park.

### Justification

- 13.16 Philips Park, Whitefield, is included as a Grade II Historic Park on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.
- 13.17 The National Planning Policy Framework specifies that registered parks and gardens are designated heritage assets of the highest significance and the registration of a park means that, although there is no separate consent system for them, their significance is a material consideration for the local planning authority when considering any proposed development affecting these sites or their settings.
- 13.18 The conservation of Philips Park, and any other historic parks and gardens that may be registered in the future, will be encouraged through the development management process.

### Alternative Options

- 13.19 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to Historic Parks. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic

environment and that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset’s conservation. The NPPF goes on to state that any harm to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset should require clear and convincing justification and that substantial harm to or loss of a grade II registered parks or gardens should be exceptional and wholly exceptional in the case of grade I and II\* registered parks and gardens.

- 13.20 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development proposals and adverse impacts on the Philips Park.

## Archaeological Features

**Policy  
Direction  
BH5**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that recognises the importance of archaeological remains as part of the Borough's heritage and which seeks the protection of sites of archaeological importance as and where they are found.

It is considered that the policy should also specify that, where a development proposal is submitted which will affect an archaeological site, the developer should submit sufficient information on the potential impact of the development to allow the Council to make a full and proper investigation into its archaeological consequences as well as setting out the criteria that the Council will consider in dealing with such proposals.

### Justification

- 13.21 Archaeological remains are irreplaceable, representing a finite and non-renewable resource of past human activity. They are important 'for their own sake' as well as their obvious roles in education, leisure and tourism.
- 13.22 The inclusion of the policy would aim to ensure that the effects of development proposals on archaeological sites are properly assessed and evaluated before planning applications are determined.

## Alternative Options

- 13.23 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to archaeological features. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment and that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation. The NPPF goes on to state that where a site on which development is proposed includes, or has the potential to include, heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.
- 13.24 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development proposals and adverse impacts on the Borough's archaeological assets.

### Local Non-Designated Heritage Assets

Policy  
Direction  
**BH6**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that, in considering proposals that have the potential to affect non-designated heritage assets contained on the 'Local List', the Council should make a balanced judgment taking account of the potential harm and benefits arising from the proposal.

## Justification

- 13.25 In addition to formally designated Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and Schedules Ancient Monuments, the NPPF also includes a level of protection for non-designated heritage assets. These can be any type of historic structure, fabric or artefact located above or below ground. These structures would generally not meet the criteria for protection as designated heritage assets but are seen to contribute to the background character, significance and distinctiveness of an area where it is important to protect the best of these assets.
- 13.26 Non-designated heritage assets can be identified either at the time of an application or in advance by the LPA through survey and consultation, and then by producing a local list of such heritage assets. The Council has prepared a list of non-designated heritage assets within Bury and this currently includes around 500 entries, some of which include multiple

properties. The approach to producing the list is to ensure that each part of the Borough and its character is represented. It is also important to cover all relevant periods of the Borough's development and to ensure that all building and structure types are covered.

### **Alternative Options**

- 13.27 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to local non-designated heritage assets. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that plans should set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment. The NPPF goes on to state that the effect of an application on the significance of a non-designated heritage asset should be taken into account in determining an application. In weighing applications that directly or indirectly affect non-designated heritage assets, a balanced judgement will be required having regard to the scale of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.
- 13.28 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unmanaged development proposals and adverse impacts on the Borough's local non-designated heritage assets.

# 14 Infrastructure

## Introduction

- 14.1 The NPPF recognises that there is a need to support growth and development with the provision of necessary infrastructure.
- 14.2 One of the key local issues for the Local Plan to consider is the need to ensure that development is supported by necessary energy, communications and utilities infrastructure.
- 14.3 In response to this issues, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to ensure that new and existing development is supported by appropriate infrastructure. In doing so, it is considered that the Local Plan should seek to complement and reinforce other plans, strategies and initiatives by including policies in relation to the following:
- Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure;
  - Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking);
  - Digital and Communications Infrastructure; and
  - Public Utilities Infrastructure.

## Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure

Policy  
Direction  
**IN1**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that contributes towards the achievement of Greater Manchester's zero carbon targets by supporting the development of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure, subject to schemes and proposals being in accordance with national policy and other Local Plan policies.

It is considered that the policy should also identify the factors that will be taken into account in dealing with such proposals.

### Justification

- 14.4 Renewable and low carbon energy includes energy for heating and cooling as well as generating electricity. Renewable energy covers those energy flows that occur naturally and repeatedly in the environment – from the wind, the fall of water, the movement of the oceans, from the sun and also from biomass and deep geothermal heat. Low carbon technologies are those that can help reduce emissions (compared to conventional use of fossil fuels).
- 14.5 Some forms of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure may not be appropriate in all locations as it may give rise to site specific issues such as amenity, noise, impacts on biodiversity, the landscape or heritage assets and traffic generation.
- 14.6 In conjunction with national policy, it is proposed that the policy would seek to ensure that such issues are satisfactorily addressed before permission for renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure is granted. In cases where proposals will result in unacceptable impacts, appropriate and effective mitigation measures are required otherwise permission will not be granted.

### Alternative Options

- 14.7 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that the planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure. The NPPF goes on to state that to help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat, plans should consider

identifying suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources, and supporting infrastructure, where this would help secure their development.

- 14.8 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to examples of unacceptable impacts arising from the development of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure.

## Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking)

Policy  
Direction  
**IN2**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy specifying that development involving the exploration, appraisal or production of shale gas via hydraulic fracturing will be not be permitted.

### Justification

- 14.9 Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking as it is commonly known, is a term used to describe the process of extracting oil and natural gas by the fracturing of underground shale deposits.
- 14.10 The Government believes that shale gas has the potential to provide the UK with greater energy security, growth and jobs and encourage safe and environmentally sound exploration to determine this potential.
- 14.11 However, public concern over the potential impacts arising from fracking means that it has become a highly controversial and divisive issue particularly in terms of the potential environmental impacts and the principle of investing in fossil fuels rather than renewal sources of energy.
- 14.12 In addition, the extraction of fossil fuels would work directly against Greater Manchester's zero carbon targets, offsetting the benefits of the various measures aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### Alternative Options

- 14.13 The Council has considered the alternative option of not including the policy or including a policy that favoured hydraulic fracturing. However, in doing so, it was considered that this could potentially lead to examples of unacceptable and unmanaged impacts arising from shale gas extraction and that any such development would work against Greater Manchester's zero carbon targets.

## Digital and Communications Infrastructure

Policy  
Direction  
**IN3**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy supporting the provision of enhanced electronic communications infrastructure and setting out the factors that will be taken into account in dealing with proposals for communications infrastructure.

### Justification

- 14.14 High quality electronic communications infrastructure, including high speed broadband access, is essential for developing a sustainable local economy and is important for education and enhances the provision of local community facilities and services. It is also vital for home working and helps to reduce the need to travel and to create more resilient rural communities as it enables more efficient working practices and provision of online facilities and services.
- 14.15 In terms of telecommunications infrastructure, it is proposed that the policy should specify that developers should aim to minimise the number of masts and explore the potential for utilising existing structures before considering the erection of a new mast. Where this is not possible and new equipment is required, the Council will expect this to be sympathetically designed and, where possible, camouflaged in order to minimise its visual impact.

### Alternative Options

- 14.16 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to digital and communications infrastructure. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF states that advanced, high quality and reliable communications infrastructure is essential for economic growth and social well-being. Planning policies and decisions should support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including next generation mobile technology (such as 5G) and full fibre broadband connections. Policies should set out how high quality digital infrastructure, providing access to services from a range of providers, is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time; and should prioritise full fibre connections to existing and new developments.
- 14.17 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially prevent the necessary expansion of communications networks and lead to examples of unacceptable impacts arising from the unnecessary installation of new or poorly designed telecommunications infrastructure.

## Public Utilities Infrastructure

Policy  
Direction  
**IN4**

It is proposed that the Local Plan should include a policy that seeks to ensure that the development of operational facilities for public utility provision will be permitted where this is necessary to implement the development objectives of the Local Plan or to meet relevant statutory obligations and environmental standards, and is consistent with other policies and proposals of the Local Plan.

### Justification

- 14.18 The implementation of the Plan is dependent upon effective public utilities infrastructure (i.e. gas, water and electricity). It is recognised that this can only be achieved by a continuing programme of investment involving the rationalisation and improvement of existing operational sites and/or the development of new facilities.

### Alternative Options

- 14.19 The Council has considered the alternative option to not include a specific policy setting out the approach to public utilities infrastructure. However, this option was discounted on the basis that the NPPF recognises the importance of supporting new growth and development with necessary infrastructure.
- 14.20 It is considered that the omission of the policy could potentially lead to uncertainty in terms of the Council's position on proposals involving the provision of necessary public utilities infrastructure and the potential effect that this may have on future development opportunities.

# Appendix 1

The following provides more guidance on the key areas of strategic policy that will be covered by the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and the non-strategic policies of the Local Plan.

Key areas of strategic policy/allocations (GMSF)	Key areas of non-strategic policy (Local Plan)
<b>Housing</b>	
Establish the statutory housing target.	
Allocate any Green Belt land required to meet housing target (strategic sites).	Allocate non-Green Belt sites to help meet target, including suitable brownfield sites.
Identify broad level of needs.	Local, non-strategic policies to meet local housing needs.
	Local, non-strategic policies setting out requirements for the form and layout of new housing and criteria for assessing alterations and extensions and residential conversions.
<b>Economy and Employment</b>	
Establish floorspace requirements for offices and for industry and warehousing.	
Allocate any Green Belt land required to help meet floorspace requirements and to strengthen and rebalance the sub-regional economy (strategic sites).	Allocate non-Green Belt sites to help to meet the floorspace requirements, including office sites in and around Bury town centre.
Strategic approach to existing industrial and warehousing sites.	Local, non-strategic policies and designations setting out the approach to existing employment land and premises in the Borough.

Town Centres and Main Town Centre Uses	
Strategic approach setting out the role and function of main town centres.	Local, non-strategic policy setting out the Borough's hierarchy of centres.
	Site allocations for main town centre uses.
	Local, non-strategic policies to manage the location and scale of main town centre uses and to set out the approach to proposals within the hierarchy of centres and involving upper floors within centres.
Tourism and Culture	
	Local, non-strategic policy relating to new tourism and cultural development in appropriate locations and allocate sites, if necessary.
Open Space, Sport and Recreation	
Strategic approach to the protection and enhancement of sport and recreation provision.	Local, non-strategic policies on the protection and enhancement of open space, sport and recreation facilities, the provision of open space, sport and recreation in new housing development and recreation routes.
Community Facilities	
Strategic approach to the provision of community facilities and services.	Local, non-strategic policies relating to proposals involving existing, new and improved community facilities and on requirements for education provision in conjunction with proposals for new housing.
Accessibility	
Strategic approach to transport across Greater Manchester.	Local, non-strategic policies setting out the general approach towards improving connectivity and

	accessibility and on transport requirements in new development.
<b>Natural Environment</b>	
Strategic approach to nature conservation and the natural environment.	Local, non-strategic policies setting out the approach to proposals affecting Green Infrastructure; biodiversity; geology and geomorphology; water resources; soils; landscape character; contaminated and unstable land; and minerals and waste development.
<b>Green Belt</b>	
Identification of a Green Belt boundary for Greater Manchester.	Local, non-strategic policies setting out the approach to various forms of new development in the Green Belt (as defined in the GMSF).
<b>Built Heritage</b>	
Strategic approach to heritage.	Local, non-strategic policies setting out how applications affecting the Borough's various heritage assets will be considered.
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Strategic approach to infrastructure provision.	Local, non-strategic policies setting out how applications involving various forms of infrastructure will be considered, including renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure and hydraulic fracturing (fracking).

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# Bury Local Plan

## Summary of Responses to the Key Issues and Policy Framework and Call for Sites



# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report summarises the comments received during consultation on the Bury Local Plan – Key Issues and Policy Framework and a ‘Call for Sites’ that took place between 7th August 2017 and 2nd October 2017.
- 1.2 The consultation sought views on the key issues that the Local Plan should address and the supporting evidence. Alongside this, a Call for Sites exercise was undertaken which asked landowners, developers and other stakeholders to suggest sites that might be suitable for future development or sites which should be protected.
- 1.3 In total, 66 comments were received in response to consultation on the Key Issues and Policy Framework.
- 1.4 However, some of the comments related to the draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). Whilst the GMSF and the Bury Local Plan will both form part of Bury’s Development Plan, the GMSF is dealing with strategic issues across Greater Manchester and the comments raised cannot be dealt with through Bury’s Local Plan which is dealing with more locally-specific and non-strategic matters. There will be further opportunities to make comments on the GMSF as this plan progresses.
- 1.5 In addition, some comments received related to non-planning matters.
- 1.6 An additional 48 sites were suggested as part of the Call for Sites exercise.

## 2 Responses

2.1 In summary, the main themes of the comments made during the Key Issues consultation were:

Summary of Comments	Response
The vision is too vague and does not clearly identify how it will be achieved.	The Vision is intended to establish the direction of the Local Plan in its broadest sense. It has been developed to reflect the intention for the Plan to pursue sustainable development as one of its core principles. The Vision will be achieved through the implementation of the Plan's policies.
The need for a revised timeframe for the plan.	The timetable for the Local Plan is set out in the Local Development Scheme and this will be amended to reflect the current position.
The need for revised local housing and employment land requirement figures.	The requirements for new housing and employment floorspace are strategic matters that will be considered through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and reflected in the Local Plan.
The need to adopt a 'brownfield land first' approach.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy reflecting the need to make an efficient use of land, including encouraging the redevelopment of previously-developed (brownfield) sites.
The need for a review of proposed Greenbelt release.	The designation of a new Green Belt boundary for Greater Manchester is a strategic matter that will be considered through the Greater

Summary of Comments	Response
	Manchester Spatial Framework and reflected in the Local Plan.
The need to identify additional, deliverable sites to maintain a five year supply.	The Council will seek to ensure it identifies a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites through both the GMSF and the Local Plan
The need for affordable housing.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy setting out requirements for affordable housing provision.
The need for a variety of housing types and sizes.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy that seeks to ensure that new housing development should provide an appropriate mix of dwellings to address the housing needs of the local community..
The need for starter homes, retirement homes and sites for self-build opportunities.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy setting out the Council's approach to self-build and custom house building.
The need to avoid prescribing housing densities or phasing.	It is anticipated that these matters will be considered through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.
The need to retain employment sites and allocate new employment sites.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies setting out the Council's approach to proposals affecting existing employment sites and, if required, identify sites for new employment development to support any strategic sites identified through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

Summary of Comments	Response
<p>The need to identify the type of employment the plan is seeking to attract.</p>	<p>It is intended that the Local Plan will, if required, identify sites for new employment development to supplement any strategic sites identified through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework. Any site allocations would specifically identify the types of employment development that would be suitable. The Local Plan will seek to complement other Council Strategies, such as the Economic Strategy, which identifies Bury's more specific growth and target sectors.</p>
<p>The need to encourage high skilled manufacturing jobs and home working as a result of technological improvements in communication systems.</p>	<p>Low quality and low paid employment opportunities within the Borough is one of the key issues that has been identified for the Local Plan to seek to address. As such, any sites allocated through the Local Plan will include high quality sites to attract quality employment opportunities. In addition, it is intended that the need to reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by car, will be one of the key objectives of the Local Plan and homeworking will be one way of achieving this.</p>
<p>The need for an updated retail study to inform retail policies.</p>	<p>The Council will be updating evidence to support emerging retail policies and potential site allocations.</p>
<p>The need to ensure that accessible recreation areas and greenspaces are included within new developments.</p>	<p>It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy setting out requirements for open space, sport and recreation provision to meet the needs of the prospective residents of new housing.</p>

Summary of Comments	Response
The need to review "Other Protected Open Land" designations.	The Other Protected Open Land Designations that are identified in the Unitary Development Plan will be reviewed in conjunction with the development of the Local Plan.
The need for clear definition and clarity in use of the term 'Green Infrastructure'.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy relating to Green Infrastructure and the Plan will clearly define the types and functions of Green Infrastructure.
The need to consider Special Landscape Areas and River Valley designations.	In developing the Local Plan, the Council will be reviewing all designations currently set out in the Unitary Development Plan, including Special Landscape Areas and River Valleys.
The need to protect and enhance the Manchester, Bury and Bolton Canal.	The Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal is an important asset in terms of tourism and recreation. It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy that recognises the significant contribution that tourism and culture makes towards the competitiveness and diversity of the local economy and in improving the attractiveness and quality of life within the Borough and set out the key means by which the Local Plan will endeavour to support and develop the Borough's tourism and cultural offer. It is also intended to include a policy that, in promoting access to the countryside, would seek to establish a network of designated recreational routes to provide access, where appropriate, for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. These routes would be safeguarded and any development which would prejudice their

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	establishment or use would not be permitted.
The need to encourage physically active lifestyles.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy relating to health and wellbeing that seeks to ensure that development makes a positive contribution towards the health and wellbeing of the Borough's communities. It is intended that the policy would include measures that seek to alleviate some of the Borough's key health and wellbeing issues, including the promotion of active travel. It is also intended that the plan would include policies that seek to protect and improve open space, sport and recreation provision in order to maximise opportunities for physically active lifestyles.
The need to increase the provision of social infrastructure (schools, doctors, hospitals, dentists, community centres) to service the requirements of the existing residents and in advance of any new development.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies setting out requirements for the provision of new infrastructure to support new development.
The need to consider the risk of flooding to new properties and existing properties who may be subject to flood risk as a result of new development.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy relating to flood risk management that would seek to manage flood risk from all sources by ensuring that new development complies with the flood risk management hierarchy and is not subject to unacceptable levels of risk, does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, achieves reductions in flood risk overall. In addition, it is intended that the policy would seek to ensure that all new development proposals minimise the impact of development on surface water run-

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	off, and where possible, seek to reduce it.
The need for Natural Flood Management.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy relating to flood risk management that would seek to manage flood risk from all sources by ensuring that new development complies with the flood risk management hierarchy and is not subject to unacceptable levels of risk, does not result in increased flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, achieves reductions in flood risk overall. In addition, it is intended that the policy would seek to ensure that all new development proposals minimise the impact of development on surface water run-off, and where possible, seek to reduce it.
The need to afford greater protection and enhancement to the natural environment.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies designed to protect and enhance the Borough's key natural assets.
The need to ensure there is no conflict of interest between the level of development proposed and the natural environment.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies designed to protect and enhance the Borough's key natural assets.
The need to protect all Public Rights of Way and equestrian networks.	It is intended to include a policy that, in promoting access to the countryside, would seek to establish a network of designated recreational routes to provide access, where appropriate, for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. These routes would be safeguarded and any development which would prejudice their establishment or use would not be permitted.

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The need to protect and improve biodiversity.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies designed to protect and enhance the Borough's key natural assets.
The need to improve air quality.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy relating to air quality and pollution control that would seek to prevent both new and existing development from contributing to, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of pollution either individually or cumulatively with other existing or proposed developments.
The need to protect the Borough's heritage assets.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies that seek protect and enhance the Borough key built heritage assets.
The need to improve the physical infrastructure throughout the Borough, in advance of any new development taking place.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies setting out requirements for the provision of new infrastructure to support new development.
The need to specify all infrastructure requirements must be in place before any development takes place and establish the approach to the delivery of the required infrastructure.	It is intended that the Local Plan will include policies setting out requirements for the provision of new infrastructure to support new development.
The need for renewable energy.	<p>It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy that proactively seeks to mitigate against and adapt to the cause and effects of climate change. This would include the provision of renewable energy.</p> <p>In addition it is intended that the Local Plan would include a policy</p>

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	<p>setting out the approach towards the provision of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure.</p>
<p>The need to maximise the use of sustainable and active modes of transport, reducing the need to travel.</p>	<p>It is intended that the Local Plan will include a policy on connectivity and accessibility that seeks to direct significant new development into locations which encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private car, setting out key areas that the Council will focus on in seeking to achieve this.</p> <p>In addition, it is intended that the Local Plan will also include a policy setting out transport requirements in new development that would seek to ensure that development and transport planning are co-ordinated to improve accessibility, reduce the need to travel by car and increase public transport use, cycling and walking.</p>
<p>A number of sites were suggested for future re-development. In addition, a number of sites were suggested for future protection from new development.</p>	<p>All sites that have been put forward for either future development or protection will be thoroughly considered as the site allocations and designations are developed in conjunction with the Local Plan.</p>

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**Integrated Assessment of the  
Bury Local Plan**

Integrated Assessment of the  
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Bury Policy Direction\_IA

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Integrated Assessment of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document

# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 Context

Bury Council is preparing a Local Plan which will be a locally specific document which sets out policies, designations and site allocations that will guide and control future development in Bury. The Bury Local Plan will form part of the wider Development Plan, which will also include the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plans.

As an integral part of the development of the Bury Local Plan, an Integrated Assessment (IA) is being undertaken which incorporates the requirements of:

- Sustainability Appraisal (SA): mandatory under section 19 (5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA): mandatory under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (which transpose the European Directive 2001/42/EC into English law).
- Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA): required to be undertaken for plans, policies and strategies by the Equality Act 2010.
- Health Impact Assessment (HIA): there is no statutory requirement to undertake HIA, however it has been included to add value and depth to the assessment process.

Bury Council has prepared policy directions for the Local Plan. These policy directions set out the proposed scope and direction of each policy and the broad options that have been considered for each policy at this stage, whilst acknowledging that there will be further options to consider as policies are further refined. The Bury Local Plan Policy Directions document is available to view alongside this report.

## 1.2 Purpose of this report

This report is the output of the IA of the Policy Directions Document consultation document. The IA of the Policy Directions will help to identify where there is uncertainty, and highlight the synergies and tensions between the policies and the objectives set out in the IA. This will continue to inform the development of the Bury Local Plan.

## 1.3 Scoping Report

A Scoping Report was prepared by Bury Council and was consulted on in 2016. The Scoping Report successfully:

- Reviewed the relevant policy, plans, programmes and strategies and their relationship to the Bury Local Plan

- Completed extensive baseline research across a range of social, economic and environmental topics
- Identified key issues for the Bury Local Plan
- Defined the IA objectives and assessment criteria to be used in the subsequent stages of the IA

The IA Scoping Report was consulted on and a number of amendments were made in response to comments received from a range of statutory and non-statutory consultees. Some of these changes related to the baseline information, which is reflected in the Scoping Report (2018). The changes relating to the IA framework are also reflected in the Scoping Report (2018).

## 1.4 Habitats Regulations Assessment

A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Bury Local Plan is being undertaken in parallel with the IA by the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU). The HRA screening stage concluded that there are no European Sites located in Bury and the nearest such site is the South Pennine Moors SPA/SAC, located more than 10km from the Bury boundary. The implementation of the proposed Policy Directions will therefore not have any direct impacts on the special nature conservation interest of European sites.

Potential *indirect* impacts that could arise from the implementation of some of the Policy Directions encouraging development include –

- Effects on moorland vegetation arising from increases in diffuse air pollution (mainly from traffic increases)
- Increases in Recreational impacts on the South Pennine Moors
- Effects of increased water supply derived from distant European sites on those sites
- Potential increase in climate change / carbon emissions

To mitigate these potential indirect impacts, it is noted that -

- The overall aspiration of the Policy Directions document is to achieve sustainable development
- The Plan places an emphasis on delivering quality place-making, which will reduce any need for people to travel large distances for recreation
- Specific Policies to address the need to reduce air pollution (Policy Direction 17) are included in the Policy Directions document
- Specific Policies address the need to mitigate the effects of climate change and to reduce carbon emissions are included in the Document (Policy Direction OP3)

- Specific Policies in the Document address the need to conserve biodiversity and achieve biodiversity net gain where possible (Policy Direction NE2)
- Water supply companies currently have no apparent concerns about the ability to supply water to new developments in the area

Taking into account these mitigating factors, GMEU has concluded that the implementation of the current Policy Directions for Bury will not have any significant harmful effects on the special nature conservation interests of any European protected sites.

## 1.5 Iterative Approach

This IA contributes to the development of the Bury Local Plan. It does this through an iterative assessment, which reviews the policy directions against the IA framework. Stakeholder consultation is a significant part of the IA, and opinions and inputs from stakeholders are being sought as part of the consultation on the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document.

Through this approach, the IA will recommend ways in which the Bury Local Plan can be improved. This is in line with Planning Practice Guidance which states: *The development and appraisal of proposals in Local Plan documents should be an iterative process, with the proposals being revised to take account of the appraisal findings. This should inform the selection, refinement and publication of proposals* (PPG: Paragraph: 018 Reference ID: 11-018-20140306).

Recommendations identified in this report will be considered during further stages of the Local Plan.

## 2 Applying the Integrated Assessment Framework

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### 2.1 Introduction

The following section outlines how the IA framework will be applied and how the approach will incorporate the requirements of the different types of assessment that the IA brings together. The IA framework will be applied to each stage of the Local Plan and has been applied to each option. All objectives within the framework have been reviewed and each has an equal weighting, although it is acknowledged that not all objectives and assessment criteria are applicable to every policy.

### 2.2 Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

SEA is a process which ensures environmental impact is considered at the formation of plans stage (i.e. the strategic level). SA does the same, but it takes in a broader scope of impacts, looking at the economy and local communities/wider society as well as the environment (i.e. the assessment headings looked at under the banner of sustainability).

SA in the UK is mandatory under section 19 (5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which requires a local planning authority to carry out SA of each of the proposals in a plan, during its preparation. SEA is mandatory under the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (“the SEA Regulations”).

### 2.3 Equalities Impact Assessment

EqIA is designed to ensure that discrimination does not occur in the drawing up of plans and policies, and that such plans or policies meet the requirements of equality legislation in the UK, most notably the Equality Act 2010. It is being used as part of the IA to add value and depth to the assessment process.

- Under the Equality Act, public bodies are required to:
- have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination
- advance equality of opportunity, and
- foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

This IA therefore needs to consider in its scope, the likely effects on discriminatory practices; the potential to alter the opportunities of certain groups of people; and/or effect on relationships between different groups of people.

In order to understand which groups of people (or individuals), may suffer discrimination, the Equality Act sets out a series of “protected characteristics”:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex, and
- sexual orientation.

EqlA is two-stage process:

Stage 1: Screening - this involves the assessment of impacts of the strategy/plan against the protected characteristics outlined above. If no negative effects are identified during screening no further assessment is required. If there are effects that cannot easily be mitigated, a full EqlA should be undertaken.

Stage 2: Full EqlA - this involves more in-depth assessment of the impacts of the strategy/plan, the recommendation of mitigation measures, definition of monitoring and evaluation measures and public consultation.

To ensure this IA meets the requirements of EqlA, it will consider whether there is potential for Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document to affect people differently based on the protected characteristics, this is reflected in the IA Framework. At this stage, an equality screening assessment (in line with Stage 1 above) is present as an Appendix to this report and summarised in Section 3 of this report.

## 2.4 Health Impact Assessment

There is no statutory requirement to undertake HIA as part of the plan-making process. It is included to ensure a wider definition of potential impacts is considered. HIA has one overarching aim: to ensure that plans and policies minimise negative and maximise positive health impacts.

Consideration of the determinants of health and the broad requirements of the Department of Health HIA screening questions have been integrated into the IA Framework. As such, by including consideration of health, alongside the other environmental, sustainability and equality considerations, the Bury Local Plan IA covers the scope of a HIA.

## 2.5 Stages of the Integrated Assessment

The approaches to SA, SEA, EqIA and HIA discussed above use similar assessment steps. Broadly speaking these include:

- screening (i.e. deciding if the assessment is needed)
- setting the baseline context
- identifying where there are impacts on defined relevant topics areas (e.g. flora and fauna, the determinants of health, or the impact on certain groups of people in society)
- understanding impacts of that which is being assessed, and
- making recommendations for mitigation where necessary.

The structure of the IA is based upon the process contained in the ODPM best practice guidance from 2005 on SEA<sup>1</sup> and Planning Practice Guidance on SEA and SA, updated in 2015<sup>2</sup>. Through integration of equalities and health considerations, the IA framework (the central component of the IA) ensures that all four assessment types are considered and completed. The IA process is outlined in Figure 1 and described in more detail below. At this point the IA has only addressed stages A and B, with this report forming part of Stage B, as its aim is to help develop and refine alternatives and assess effects.

Figure 1 – IA Process



### 2.5.1 Stage A: Scoping

The IA scoping report illustrated the approach to, and the outcomes of Stage A. Stage A consists of a number of key tasks:

- Task A1: Identifying and reviewing other relevant plans, policies and programmes
- Task A2: Collecting baseline information and identifying key issues
- Task A3: Identifying objectives
- Task A4: Developing an IA framework, and

<sup>1</sup> A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (ODPM September 2005)

<sup>2</sup> HM Government (2015) Planning Practice Guidance: Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal. Available at: <http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/>

- Task A5: Consulting on the scope of the IA.

Table 1: Tasks at Scoping Stage

Task	Description
A1. Review of relevant plans, programmes and strategies.	Consideration of international, national, regional and local plans, programmes and strategies, drawing out relevant issues for both the development of the Bury Local Plan and the IA.
A2. Collecting, analysing and summarising current and future baseline data.	Creation of a comprehensive description of the current (and future, over the lifetime of the Bury Local Plan) situation for the area, where available. Sources are given throughout. In HIA, the baseline is referred to as the 'community profile'. This information is presented in the scoping report.
A3. Identifying key sustainability issues for the Bury Local Plan and IA	Draws on the information collated in tasks A1 and A2 and identifies issues that are of relevance to the development of the Bury Local Plan and IA. Key issues are presented in the scoping report.
A4. Refine and finalise IA appraisal objectives	Using the list of key sustainability issues, a suite of IA appraisal objectives has been developed to form an assessment framework.
A5. Prepare the scoping report and consult	The final task is the preparation of the IA scoping report. The scoping report was subject to statutory and public consultation. The initial consultation took place in 2016 for the statutory period of five weeks. As a result of comments received, the report was updated to the present version. Following the consultation, the IA process will run in tandem with the development of the Bury Local Plan, helping to inform its development and provide third parties with an understanding of how decisions have been made.

### 2.5.2 Stage B: Assessment

Stage B of the IA process involves the consideration of the proposed policy directions, and the assessment of their effects. This is done using the framework developed during the scoping and consultation process in Stage A. The specific activities are listed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Tasks at Assessment Stage

Task	Description
<p>Assess vision and objectives</p>	<p>The aim of this task is to identify whether any of the Bury Local Plan objectives could potentially conflict with the IA objectives.</p> <p>The output will be an appraisal of where the objectives are complementary, may conflict or where there might be uncertainty.</p> <p>By undertaking this task first, the IA process can highlight early on, where objectives are misaligned. If potential areas of conflict are identified, potential mitigation measures can be implemented so that the potential area of conflict can be avoided during the development of alternatives.</p>
<p>Assess reasonable alternatives</p>	<p>The SEA Directive requires that ‘...the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographic scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated’ (Article 5.1).</p> <p>Planning Practice Guidance defines reasonable alternatives as the different realistic options considered by the plan-maker in developing the policies in its plan. They must be sufficiently distinct to highlight the different sustainability implications of each so that meaningful comparisons can be made. The alternatives must be realistic and deliverable.</p>
<p>Identify mitigation measures</p>	<p>Where the assessment identifies significant adverse effects, a series of measures will be identified that could be implemented to avoid or reduce their magnitude.</p> <p>The proposed mitigation will be integrated into the Bury Local Plan, where appropriate, so that this information can be taken into account by Bury Council during their selection of preferred options.</p> <p>Note that in HIA, if potential adverse effects are identified, these are termed ‘recommendations’. These are equivalent to ‘mitigation measures’ highlighted in SA/SEA.</p>
<p>Describe reasons for selecting the preferred options and not taking</p>	<p>Once the preferred options have been selected, the reasons provided for taking forward the preferred options and the reasons for rejecting the alternatives will be detailed by Bury Council and documented in the IA Report.</p>

Task	Description
forward the alternatives	
Propose monitoring measures	Measures will be proposed to enable the monitoring of the effects of the implementation the Bury Local Plan against the IA Objectives. These will be included within the IA Report.

During the assessment, it has been considered whether the effects will be very positive, positive, uncertain, negative, very negative or neutral.

### 2.5.3 Stages C – E

Stages C – E, as identified in Figure 1, will be the focus of follow on assessments, reporting and consultation.

## 2.6 Assessment Matrices

### 2.6.1 The Framework

The IA framework is made up of a series of IA objectives and assessment criteria which have been developed specifically for the Bury Local Plan. The IA Framework is used to identify the likely social, economic and environmental effects and guide mitigation and policy development.

Under the ODPM SEA guidance<sup>4</sup>, an objective is defined as “a statement of what is intended, specifying a desired direction of change”. For the present IA, objectives are specific aims that the Bury Local Plan should strive to achieve. Crucially, the IA objectives may differ from any stated objectives of the Bury Local Plan, though it is acknowledged there may be synergies.

The assessment criteria comprise a series of considerations which are based on the specific issues, defined at scoping. Using assessment criteria to appraise policy and sites helps the assessor to arrive at a conclusion about potential impacts in a methodical and consistent manner and helps stakeholders to understand the reasoning behind the assessment. The IA framework is the starting point in the assessment matrices.

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<sup>4</sup> A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive (ODPM September 2005)

Table 3: IA Framework

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria, Will the Local Plan:
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	<p>Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?</p> <p>Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?</p> <p>Supply sufficient affordable homes?</p> <p>Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?</p> <p>Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?</p>
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	<p>Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?</p> <p>Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?</p> <p>Improve business development, nurture business growth and enhance competitiveness?</p> <p>Encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Encourage tourism development?</p> <p>Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?</p> <p>Help to improve earnings?</p>
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	<p>Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?</p> <p>Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?</p> <p>Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?</p> <p>Improve transport connectivity?</p>

		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation? Reduce the potential for crime? Promote design that discourages crime?
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people? Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all? Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010? Note that this assessment will be supported by an EqIA screening assessment, accompanying the IA Report.
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling? Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background? Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age? Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people? Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?

8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	<p>Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?</p> <p>Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?</p> <p>Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?</p>
9	Improve air quality	<p>Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?</p> <p>Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?</p>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	<p>Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?</p> <p>Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?</p> <p>Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?</p> <p>Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?</p>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	<p>Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM including through the creation of green infrastructure?</p> <p>Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?</p> <p>Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?</p> <p>Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?</p>

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	<p>Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?</p> <p>Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?</p> <p>Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?</p> <p>Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?</p> <p>Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?</p> <p>Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?</p>
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	<p>Encourage compliance with the WFD?</p> <p>Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?</p>
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	<p>Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?</p> <p>Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas.</p>
15	Ensure access to and protection and	<p>Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?</p>

	enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	<p>Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?</p> <p>Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?</p>
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	<p>Focus development on previously developed land?</p> <p>Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?</p> <p>Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?</p> <p>Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?</p>
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	<p>Support the sustainable use of physical resources?</p> <p>Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?</p> <p>Promote reduced waste generation rates?</p>

## 2.6.2 IA Stages

The policy directions presented in this report have been assessed so that their relative performance can be compared against the IA objectives. This is set out in a series of assessment matrices, along with a description of their effects. The notation in the assessment matrices is defined in Table 4.

Table 4: Levels of Effect

++	Very positive effect
+	Positive effect
?	Uncertain
-	Negative effect
--	Very negative effect
O	Neutral / no effect

The terminology used focuses on effects, which is consistent with the terminology set out within SEA directive. Combined symbols are sometimes used in the assessment (e.g. '+/ ?' or '- / ?'). Where this occurs, it is because there is a strong likelihood of positive/negative effects but that there is insufficient information to achieve certainty at this stage. Alternatively, there may be a combination of positive or negative effects, depending on how the option under consideration is eventually delivered.

At later stages of the IA, greater detail will be added into the assessment framework, commensurate to the greater details in the emerging policies. Therefore, in the later stages, effects will be categorised as being likely to occur in the:

- short term (0-4 years)
- medium term (5-9 years), or
- long term (10+ years).

The assessment will also seek to categorise if the effects are direct, indirect, temporary and/or permanent. The likely spatial extent is also set out to consider if the effect will be a local, regional or wider concern. Where applicable, a description of likely receptors or affected groups is also given, along with any cumulative effects which might occur.

### 3 Equalities Impact Assessment

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Appendix A contains the EqIA screening assessment. The assessment found that policies will generally have the same effect on all protected characteristics and persons. The assessment has found that the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document is unlikely to have negative effects on protected characteristics or persons identified under the Equality Act 2010 and, as a result, a full EqIA will not be required.

These findings will be subject to consultation comments from wider stakeholders alongside the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document. Any comments received will be considered during the follow-on stages of the Bury Local Plan preparation.

## 4 Health Impact Assessment

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The reason for inclusion of HIA is set out in section 2.4, and the process described in the scoping report for the IA. The overarching aim of a HIA is to ensure that plans and policies minimise the negative impacts and maximise the positive health impacts. Consideration was given to the determinants of health and the broad requirements of the Department of Health HIA screening questions. These questions are:

- Will the proposal have a direct impact on health, mental health and wellbeing?
- Will the policy have an impact on social, economic and environmental living conditions that would indirectly affect health?
- Will the proposal affect an individual's ability to improve their own health and wellbeing?
- Will there be a change in demand for, or access to, health and social care services?
- Will the proposal have an impact on global health?

These screening questions have been integrated into the IA framework. Therefore, the Bury Local Plan IA will consider health alongside other environmental, sustainability and equality considerations and will thus cover the scope of the HIA.

The differences present within the IA and HIA have been outlined in the scoping report. These include differences in terminology such as HIA referring to: the baseline information as 'community profile' and 'recommendations' instead of 'mitigation measures' highlighted in SA/SEA.

### Determinants of health

The Department of Health (DOH) guidance states that "*the determinants of health are the focus of HIA. They are the social, economic, environmental and cultural factors that indirectly influence health and wellbeing. They include what we eat and drink; where we live and work; and the social relationships and connections we have with other people and organisations.*"

The DoH *determinants of health*, as set out in Figure 2 below, were used to help guide the compilation of the IA framework, which has been designed to ensure assessment of the Bury Local Plan's effects on health (i.e. through impact on the determinants of health).

Figure 2 – The determinants of Health (Source: Department of Health<sup>5</sup>)

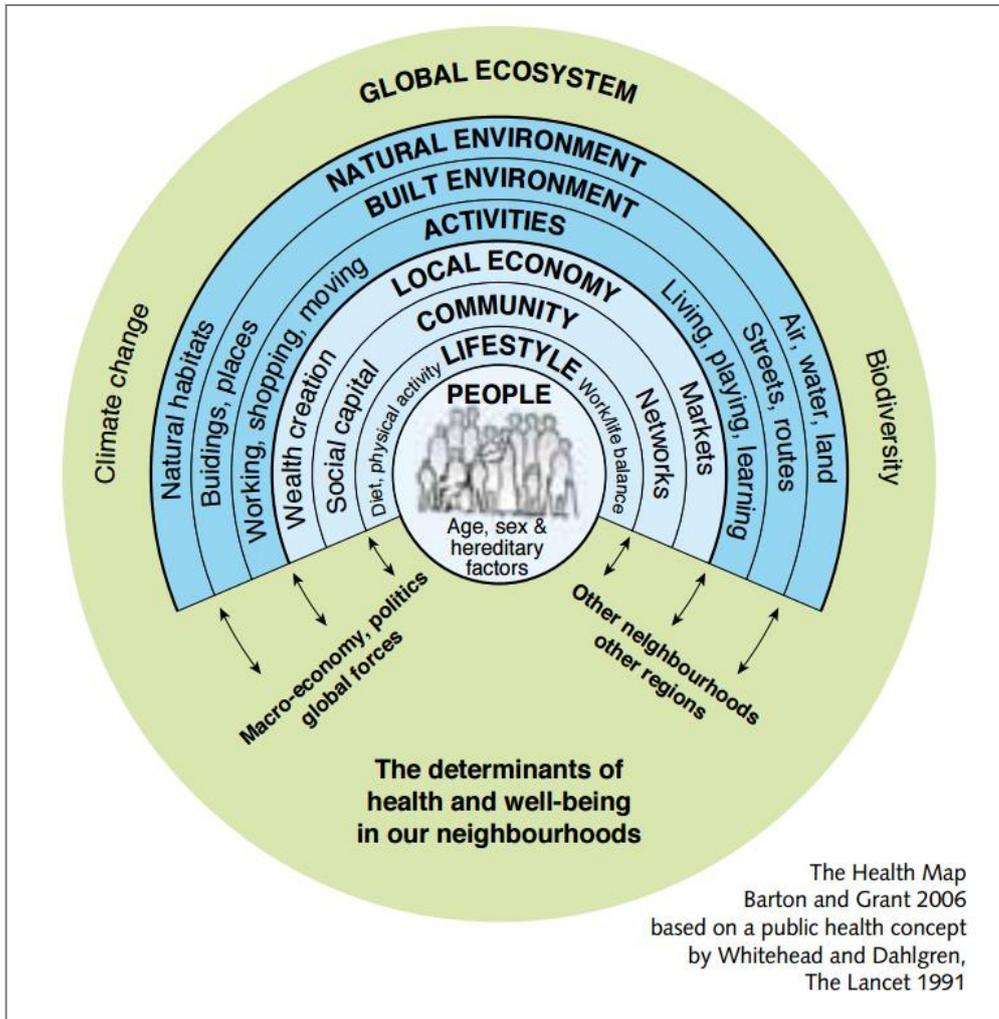


Table 5 below illustrates how the determinants of health are covered throughout the IA objectives. Attempts have been made throughout the IA to draw out where there are links between policy and the determinants of health.

<sup>5</sup> Department of Health (2010), Health Impact Assessment of Government Policy

Table 5: Mapping determinants of health against IA objectives

Determinant of Health	Objective in which it is covered																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Climate change											✓	✓					
Biodiversity										✓					✓		
Natural Environment: Natural habitat; Air; Water; land									✓	✓			✓		✓		
Built environment: buildings; places; streets; routes	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓								✓		
Activities: working; shopping; moving; living; playing; learning	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓					
Local Economy: Wealth creation; Markets		✓															
Community: Social capital; Networks						✓	✓										
Lifestyle: Diet; Physical activity; Work/life balance						✓											
People: Age; Sex; Heredity factors				✓	✓												

## Community profile

The Bury Local Plan IA Scoping Report provided details on health statistics across Bury. Health is closely linked to life expectancy and general wellbeing. There is also a relationship between deprivation and health risk factors, such as alcohol misuse and drug abuse, many of which are problematic across Bury. This can have negative effects on families,

individuals and communities, and at a macroeconomic level, this affects productivity of the work force, and the amount of health spending. Unemployment can lead to declining physical and mental health and social isolation, both now and in the future.

Environmental factors and impacts can cause/exacerbate health problems. These can be direct and immediate, such as increased incidence of heatstroke during heat waves, or psychological effects such as anxiety and stress associated with the financial impact of a major flood event. Effects can also occur over the course of a lifetime, such as those associated with air pollution. Such impacts are often related to the impacts of climate change, specifically flooding and increased incidence of extreme weather and high temperatures.

## 5 Social Value

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Social value is becoming increasingly important and it should be considered throughout the entire process of preparing the Bury Local Plan. The Public Services (Social Value) Act came into force on 31 January 2013.

The IA framework has been reviewed in terms of social value, and the table below sets out which objectives and key criteria relate to social value. Social inclusion and social integration are vital parts of a successful Local Plan and this can be assessed through the IA, by considering social value. However, to ensure that social value underpins the Local Plan and IA framework, it has been included throughout the entire framework. This enables every policy and site allocation to be assessed in terms of its social value through the assessment process.

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria. Will the Local Plan...	Link to Social Value
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	✓
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	✓
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	✓
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	✓
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	✓
		Improve business development, nurture business growth and enhance competitiveness?	✓
		Encourage inward investment?	✓
		Encourage tourism development?	✓
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	✓

		Help to improve earnings?	✓
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	
		Improve transport connectivity?	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	✓
		Reduce the potential for crime?	✓
		Promote design that discourages crime?	✓
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	✓
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	✓
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected	✓

		characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?  Note that this assessment will be supported by an EqIA screening assessment, accompanying the IA Report.	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	✓
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	✓
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	✓
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	✓
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	✓
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	✓
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport	

		network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	✓
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	

11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to	

		accommodate future levels of flood risk?	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	✓
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	✓
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	✓
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	✓
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	✓
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst	Focus development on previously developed land?	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil	

	reducing land contamination	resources from inappropriate development?	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	

The table demonstrates that the social value criteria are present throughout the framework. This is beneficial to having social value covered in one objective as it allows social value to be considered throughout the process.

This will be reflected in the IA of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document, as set out in this report, and the IA of the future stages of the Bury Local Plan IA.

## 6 Compatibility of the Local Plan Vision and Objectives

This section presents the findings of a compatibility analysis IA of the vision and objectives in the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document. This compatibility analysis relates to stage B1 of the SEA process which requires the objectives of the plan or programme to be tested with the SEA objectives to identify synergies and potential inconsistencies.

This analysis is based on our interpretation of the draft vision and objectives as set out in the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document.

The following key has been used in these assessments to highlight compatibility with the IA objectives. This is amended from the key used for the IA of policy directions which assesses the effects as opposed to the compatibility. A compatibility analysis has been completed as it allows the vision and objectives to be assessed against the IA framework, however the nature of these and level of detail means that it is more appropriate, and useful, to complete the compatibility analysis.

Table 6: Compatibility key for the vision and objectives

++	Very compatible	Objectives are aligned to the same or a very similar topic and aspiration
+	Compatible	Objectives are related and compatible (i.e. not in conflict) and can be achieved in parallel
?	Uncertain	There is insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage
-	Incompatible	Conflict between the objectives (i.e. they work against each other)
--	Very incompatible	Major conflict between objectives
○	Neutral / no direct relationship	Objectives are unrelated and do not affect each other

## 6.1 Vision

The vision outlined in the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document is:

By 2037 the Borough will have embraced sustainable growth in a managed way and become a well-connected place with:

- a strong and competitive local economy;
- strong, vibrant and healthy communities; and
- a high quality natural and built environment that is resilient to the effects of climate change.

The compatibility of the vision with the IA objectives is provided in the table below with a brief accompanying narrative.

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria. Will the Local Plan...	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	<p>Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?</p> <p>Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?</p> <p>Supply sufficient affordable homes?</p> <p>Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?</p> <p>Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?</p>	+	The vision refers to having strong, vibrant and healthy communities and a high quality built environment. This does not directly refer to housing however is considered to be compatible with this objective.
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	<p>Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?</p> <p>Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?</p> <p>Improve business development, nurture business growth and enhance competitiveness?</p> <p>Encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Encourage tourism development?</p> <p>Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?</p> <p>Help to improve earnings?</p>	++	The vision states that Bury will have "a strong and competitive local economy" and it is therefore considered that there is strong compatibility with this objective.
3	Ensure that there is	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	The vision states that Bury will "become a well-

	sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	<p>Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?</p> <p>Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?</p> <p>Improve transport connectivity?</p> <p>Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?</p>		connected place” having embraced sustainable growth. It is therefore considered to be compatible with this objective although there is no direct reference to transport.
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	<p>Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?</p> <p>Reduce the potential for crime?</p> <p>Promote design that discourages crime?</p>	+	The vision refers to sustainable growth and strong and vibrant communities. It is therefore considered to be compatible with this objective.
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	<p>Foster good relations between different people?</p> <p>Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?</p> <p>Ensure no discrimination based on ‘protected characteristics’, as defined in the Equality Act 2010?</p>	+	The vision does not refer to discrimination directly, however does refer to creating “strong, vibrant and healthy communities” which is linked and therefore the vision is considered to be

		Note that this assessment will be supported by an EqIA screening assessment, accompanying the IA Report.		compatible with this objective.
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	<p>Improve access to high quality health facilities</p> <p>Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?</p> <p>Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?</p>	++	The vision seeks to establish “healthy communities” and it is therefore very compatible with this objective.
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	<p>Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?</p> <p>Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?</p> <p>Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?</p> <p>Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?</p>	?	The vision does not make reference to education and there is considered to be insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	?	The vision refers to becoming a well-connected place but does not directly refer to

		<p>Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?</p> <p>Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?</p>		<p>sustainable transport. There is considered to be insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.</p>
9	Improve air quality	<p>Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?</p> <p>Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?</p>	?	<p>The vision does not refer to air quality or wider environmental impacts associated with development. There is considered to be insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.</p>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	<p>Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no new loss of biodiversity?</p> <p>Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?</p> <p>Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?</p> <p>Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?</p>	+	<p>The vision states that Bury will have a “high quality natural environment.” It is therefore considered that the vision is compatible with this objective.</p>

11	<p>Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change</p>	<p>Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM?</p> <p>Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?</p> <p>Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?</p> <p>Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?</p>	++	<p>The vision states that there will be a “high quality natural and built environment that is resilient to the effects of climate change” and therefore is very compatible with this objective.</p>
12	<p>Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property</p>	<p>Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?</p> <p>Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?</p> <p>Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?</p> <p>Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?</p> <p>Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?</p> <p>Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?</p>	?	<p>Flood risk is not specifically mentioned. There is considered to be insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.</p>

13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	<p>Encourage compliance with the Water Framework Directive?</p> <p>Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?</p>	?	Water resources are not specifically mentioned There is considered to be insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	<p>Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?</p> <p>Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?</p> <p>Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?</p>	?	Landscape, townscape and heritage are not specifically mentioned. There is considered to be insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and	<p>Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?</p> <p>Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?</p> <p>Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?</p>	+	The vision refers to high quality natural environment and therefore is considered to be compatible with this objective.

	natural green space.			
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	<p>Focus development on previously developed land?</p> <p>Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?</p> <p>Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?</p> <p>Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?</p>	?	The vision does not refer to previously development land and therefore it is considered that there is insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	<p>Support the sustainable use of physical resources?</p> <p>Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?</p> <p>Promote reduced waste generation rates?</p>	?	The vision does not refer to resources and therefore it is considered that there is insufficient information to determine compatibility at this stage.

### 6.1.1 Summary

The vision set out in the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document is compatible with the majority of the IA objectives. No incompatibilities were identified however there are several uncertainties. There were strong compatibilities relating to economic growth, health and wellbeing and resilience to climate change. The vision is also compatible with the objectives relating to housing, transport, deprivation, discrimination, biodiversity and geodiversity and access to open space and green space. Uncertainties related to the objectives focused on education, sustainable transport, air quality, flooding, water resources, landscape, townscape and heritage, previously developed land and resources.

### 6.1.2 Recommendations

The vision is a strategic vision for the emerging Local Plan, and therefore will not cover every possible topic. However, it is recommended that the vision is strengthened to reinforce the importance of issues such as air quality, flooding and water resources. The vision does not make direct reference to sustainable transport, education or landscape, townscape and heritage which will all form an important part of the Local Plan and including these would benefit the vision. Reference could also be made to the prioritisation of previously developed land as new development takes place and resources.

## 6.2 Objectives

The objectives outlined in the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document are:

The Vision will be delivered through the pursuit of a number of broad Objectives, namely to:

- Deliver sustainable development;
- Promote health and wellbeing within the Borough's communities;
- Reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and ensure that the Borough is resilient and adaptive to the effects of climate change;
- Manage flood risk from all sources;
- Make efficient use of land including prioritising the redevelopment of brownfield land;
- Ensuring that all new development incorporates high standards of design and layout;
- Safeguard amenity;
- Deliver an appropriate supply of well-designed housing to meet needs;
- Deliver a competitive and diverse local economy and high quality jobs;
- Support a hierarchy of vital and viable town, district, local and neighbourhood centres;
- Safeguard existing and promoting new tourism and cultural development in appropriate locations;
- Ensure that the Borough's residents have access to a sufficient amount of good quality open space, sport and recreation facilities;
- Ensure that the Borough's residents have adequate access to community facilities;
- Encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private motor vehicles;
- Protect and enhance the Borough's natural environment;
- Protect and manage Green Belt;
- Protect and enhance the Borough's built heritage; and
- Ensure and that new and existing development is supported by appropriate infrastructure.

The compatibility of the Local Plan objectives with the IA objectives is provided in Tables 7 – 24 (Appendix B1), in table format with a brief accompanying narrative. The objectives are being assessed for their compatibility individually, with each of the bullet points assessed. As the Local Plan progresses, if there are more detailed objectives these can be assessed for their compatibility individually.

## 6.2.1 Summary

The objectives set out in the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document are compatible with the majority of the IA objectives. There were no incompatibilities identified, with some uncertainties. There were strong compatibilities relating to housing, economic growth, transport, health, climate change and flooding. The objectives are also compatible with the IA objectives relating to air quality, biodiversity and geodiversity, landscape, townscape and heritage and previously developed land. The uncertainties related primarily to deprivation, discrimination, education, water resources and resources as these are not explicitly mentioned in the objectives.

## 6.2.2 Recommendations

The objectives that are set out are broad objectives, which collectively will achieve the vision. It is recommended that additional objectives are included that will explicitly reference the issues of deprivation, discrimination and education. The objectives do not reference water resources or use of resources, and reference could be made to these in the objectives however they will be dealt with through other local plan policies as there is a policy direction for each of these topics.

## 7 Integrated Assessment of the Local Plan Policy Directions Document

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### 7.1 Overview

The IA framework has been used to assess the compatibility of each of the policy directions against the IA framework. The policy directions are setting out the way the policy will be as the Local Plans progresses. The Bury Local Plan Policy Directions document also sets out the broad options that were considered for each of the policy directions whilst recognising that further options will emerge as these are further refined into specific policies. As a result, the IA of each policy direction highlights the compatibility of the policy direction against the IA objectives, and the other options that were considered and how compatible they are against the IA objectives.

The assessments are provided in Appendix B. The policy directions are divided into the following chapters:

- Overarching Principles
- Housing
- Economy and Employment
- Town Centres and Main Town Centre Uses
- Tourism and Culture
- Open Space, Sport and Recreation
- Community Facilities
- Accessibility
- Natural Environment
- Green Belt
- Built Heritage
- Infrastructure

For each policy direction, options have been identified.. In most cases, the only option is for there to be no policy. For the cases where no policy is an option, there will be a comparable section of the NPPF which would provide the basis for the decision making. However, it is noted that this would not form a development plan policy and would be a material consideration. The GMSF is currently being prepared and will form part of the development plan for Bury, once it is adopted. Therefore, for some policy directions, if there was no policy, there may be an equivalent GMSF policy however as this is still under preparation analysis of this against options cannot be carried out.

## 7.2 Summary of Findings

Each policy direction, as well as the alternative options, has been assessed against the IA Framework. All have compatibility with some IA objectives. Due to the topic-based approach adopted in the assessment, there are often several objectives for each direction that have neutral effects anticipated. In the majority of cases, the assessment concluded that the chosen policy direction has more positive compatibilities than the other options considered. The option of having no policy or a broader policy on the topic is not usually preferred as it would prevent any clear direction from the Local Plan.

The overarching principle policy directions (OP1-OP9) are provided in section B1 of Appendix B. These directions have varying levels of detail and it should be ensured that the detail is consistent between all of the overarching principles. For example, OP2 and OP4 have more specific detail than OP1 and OP3. As these do not all relate to a policy direction, it is important that these clearly set out the requirements and have the specific criteria that is necessary to make the overarching principles clear.

There are a small number of policy directions, such as GB1, which have negative compatibilities with some of the IA objectives, however in each case it is not considered that the policy direction should be amended as although the policy direction does not have a positive score for that particular objective, it is still a relevant and useful policy direction that should form a policy in the Bury Local Plan.

As the Local Plan progresses, the policies that are prepared will be more detailed and although these will be guided by the policy directions, they will be assessed comprehensively using the IA and the mitigation will be provided. At the policy direction stage, there is insufficient detail to complete these but the iterative process of the IA will enable this to be completed throughout the subsequent stages.

## 8 Summary

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This document will be made public for comment alongside the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document. Recommendations identified in this report will be considered during the next stage of the Local Plan, along with the comments received during the consultation. All comments on the work will be reviewed and changes made where considered appropriate and relevant. The IA will then continue to be updated as the Bury Local Plan evolves.

## Appendix A

### Equalities Impact Assessment

Bury Council

**Integrated Assessment of the  
Bury Local Plan**

**Equalities Impact Assessment  
Screening Report**

Bury Policy Direction\_EqIA

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# 1 Introduction

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This report describes the process and findings of the screening assessment undertaken as part of an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document. This report accompanies the Integrated Assessment (IA) Report of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document.

Bury Council is preparing a Local Plan which will be a locally specific document that sets out policies, designations and site allocations that will guide and control future development in Bury. The Bury Local Plan will form part of the wider Development Plan, which will also include the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plans.

## 1.1 Background

The Equality Act 2010 imposes a duty on public bodies that shape policy, deliver services and/or employ people. The duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who do not share a characteristic; and
- foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who do not share a characteristic.

EqIA is designed to ensure that discrimination does not occur in the drawing up of plans and policies, and that such plans or policies meet the requirements of equality legislation in the UK, most notably the Equality Act 2010. It is being used as part of the IA to add value and depth to the assessment process.

It should be noted that assessment of equality, diversity and health and wellbeing (an important factor in determining equality) has been undertaken and detailed throughout the IA process. All policy directions have been appraised against the IA Framework which incorporates several objectives that relate directly and indirectly to equalities issues.

## 1.2 Consultation

This EqIA screening report is included as part of the consultation alongside the draft IA Report and the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document. Comments received on the EqIA will be considered during the preparation and future stages of Bury Local Plan.

## 1.3 Purpose and structure of the report

This purpose of this EqlA Screening Report is to determine whether the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document has the potential to have negative effects on the protected characteristics or persons identified under the Equalities Act 2010 and consequently, whether a full EqlA is required.

The report is structured to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010. It includes the following sections:

- Section 2: Summary of requirements of Equality Act 2010
- Section 3: Description of EqlA methodology
- Section 4: Results of EqlA screening assessment
- Section 5: Summary and Conclusions.

## 2 Requirements of the Equality Act 2010

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The Equality Act (2010) came into effect in October 2010 with the aim of harmonising all current discrimination law and strengthening the laws that prevent discrimination. It applies to the provision of services and public functions and includes the development of local authority policies and plans. The Act maintains the protection provided by previous legislation and therefore prevents discrimination on the basis of nine protected characteristics:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- marriage and civil partnership
- pregnancy and maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sex and,
- sexual orientation.

Inequality can exist in a number of forms and with regards to spatial planning, this can include inadequate provision of, and access to services (e.g. health, food stores, and education facilities), good quality housing, employment opportunities, a healthy living environment and transport infrastructure for all members of society.

The Equality Act 2010 does not outline how public authorities should assess the effects on equality of new policies and programmes but doing so is an important part of complying with the general duty. The approach in this report reflects the principles of the Equality Framework for Local Government<sup>1</sup>.

An EqIA seeks to improve the work of local authorities and ensures that the policies and plans it develops do not discriminate in the manner in which they provide services and employment. EqIA also aims to ensure that local authorities do all they can to advance equality of opportunity between the people who do, and the people who do not share a relevant protected characteristic.

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<sup>1</sup> Equality and Human Rights Commission (2009). Equality Impact Assessment Guidance. Available at: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/equality-and-diversity/our-assessments-of-impact/>

## 3 Equality Impact Assessment Screening methodology

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### 3.1 Key stages in EqlA

The methodology adopted for the EqlA of Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document involves two principal stages. Stage 1 is the EqlA screening, the stages for screening are as follows:

- identification of the purpose/aims of the strategy/plan
- identification of other plans/policies/strategies that relate to the strategy/plan in relation to equality
- summarise baseline information on equality issues
- assess the impacts of the strategy/plan on protected characteristics or persons.

If no negative effects are identified at Screening, then no further assessment will be required. If negative effects are identified that are not easily mitigated, then a full EqlA would be required in accordance with Stage 2. The steps within Stage 2 include:

- gathering of any additional baseline information
- agreement of scope with wider stakeholders as necessary
- detailed assessment of strategy/plan; recommendations for mitigation; identification of monitoring measures for implementation
- reporting of EqlA results, further consultation as necessary and finalise based on responses.

### 3.2 EqlA Screening

The Screening stage has been split into four tasks as set out below.

#### **Task 1: identification of the aims/objectives of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document**

The following questions will be used as part of this task:

- What are the main aims, objectives purpose and outcomes of the Bury Local Plan and its policies?
- Who will implement the Bury Local Plan policies?
- Who will be affected by the Bury Local Plan policies?

## Task 2: description of other plans, programmes and strategies related to or used to develop the local plan

This will identify relevant documents that relate to the development of the Bury Local Plan in relation to equality. This task was completed as part of the IA Scoping stage.

## Task 3: review baseline data

This involves identifying relevant data on equalities issues within Bury. This task is based on work completed as part of the IA Scoping stage.

## Task 4: screening assessment

This task brings together information gained at Tasks 1-3 to support a screening conclusion. The assessment uses the IA scoring categories used across the IA (Table 1) with the assessment informed by the following questions:

- Will the policy have a negative impact on the protected characteristic or person?
- How can the identified negative impact be avoided or mitigated?
- How can identified positive impacts be enhanced?
- Is monitoring of the issue during implementation required?

Table 1: Assessment key

++	Very positive effect
+	Positive effect
?	Uncertain
-	Negative effect
--	Very negative effect
O	Neutral / no effect

## **4 Results of EqIA screening assessment**

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### **4.1 Task 1: identification of the aims/objectives of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document**

#### **4.1.1 What are the main aims, objectives purpose and outcomes of the Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document and its policies?**

The Bury Local Plan will set out the proposed strategy for the borough. It will be a locally specific document that sets out policies, designations and site allocations that will guide and control future development in Bury. The Bury Local Plan will form part of the wider Development Plan, which will also include the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plans.

#### **4.1.2 Who will implement the Local Plan policies?**

Bury Council will implement the Local Plan.

#### **4.1.3 Who will be affected by the Local Plan policies?**

The Bury Local Plan will cover the borough of Bury, and therefore it will affect people living, working and visiting this area.

### **4.2 Task 2: description of other plans, programmes and strategies related to the Local Plan in relation to equality**

A summary of plans, programmes and strategies that are most directly related to the Bury Local Plan in relation to equality issues was provided within the Scoping Report. They include:

- Sustainable Communities: Building for the Future 2006
- Confident Brighter Communities 2010
- Healthy Lives, Healthy People White Paper 2011
- Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England 2011
- Public Health White Paper 2011
- Greater Manchester Third Local Transport Plan 2011
- Greater Manchester Rail Policy 2012
- Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 - 2016

- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- National Planning Policy Framework 2018
- Greater Manchester Growth and Reform Plan 2014

### **4.3 Task 3: review of baseline data**

The IA Scoping Report details the population and demographic baseline and trends for Bury. This should be referred to for data related to many of the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics.

### **4.4 Task 4: screening assessment**

#### **Policy Directions**

The policy directions cover an extensive range of topics. Due to the level of detail provided in these, and the nature of some of the topic areas, these do not focus on protected characteristics. Therefore, the majority of policy directions, and the subsequent policies, are expected to have a neutral effect against the protected characteristics.

However, the housing needs policy direction has scored positively against the age and disability protected characteristics as it seeks to address housing needs for all in the local community. The special needs housing policy direction seeks to ensure that housing meets the needs of a growing elderly population and for any other groups with specialist housing needs.

### **4.5 Requirement for Stage 2 of EqIA**

The screening assessment has found that the majority of effects are neutral due to the detail of these, with some positive effects also identified. As a result, it is not deemed necessary to complete the stage 2 assessment as no negative effects have been identified that could not be mitigated against.

## 5 Summary and Conclusions

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The Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document sets out the proposed approach that Bury will take towards how it is planned and developments across the entire area. The development of the policy directions has been influenced by a number of other plans, programmes and assessments that relate to the protected characteristics or persons under the Equality Act 2010.

The assessment has found that the policy directions document is unlikely to have negative effects on protected characteristics or persons identified under the Equality Act 2010 and as a result a full EqIA will not be required at this stage.

These findings will be subject to consultation comments from wider stakeholders alongside the draft Bury Local Plan Policy Directions Document. Any comments received will be considered during the preparation of the Bury Local Plan.

## Appendix A

### Assessment Tables

## A1 EqlA of Vision and Objectives

	Protected Characteristic								
	Age	Disability	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion or Belief	Sex	Sexual Orientation
Vision	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Objectives	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

## A2 EqlA of Policy Directions

Policy Ref	Policy Title	Protected Characteristic								
		Age	Disability	Gender Reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Race	Religion or Belief	Sex	Sexual Orientation
OP1	Sustainable Development	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP2	Health and Wellbeing	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP3	Climate Change	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP4	Air Quality and Pollution Control	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP5	Flood Risk Management	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP6	Efficient Use of Land	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP7	Design and Layout of New Development	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP8	Amenity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OP9	Planning Conditions and Obligations	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H1	Housing Land Provision	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H2	Windfall Housing Development	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H3	Housing Needs	+	+	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H4	Affordable Housing Provision	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H5	Special Needs Housing	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

H6	Self-build and Custom Housebuilding	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H7	Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H8	The Form and Layout of New Housing Development	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H9	Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
H10	Residential Conversions	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
E1	Employment Land Provision;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
E2	New Business, Industrial and Warehousing Development;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
E3	Employment Generating Areas; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
E4	Employment Sites Outside Employment Generating Areas.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TC1	Hierarchy and Role Of Centres;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TC2	Town Centre Development Opportunities;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TC3	Managing the Location and Scale of Main Town Centre Uses;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

TC4	Primary Shopping Areas;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TC5	Local and Neighbourhood Centres;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TC6	Local Shops and Services; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TC7	Upper Floors in Centres.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
TO1	Tourism and Cultural Assets	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OS1	Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OS2	New Housing Development and the Provision of Open Space, Sport and Recreation; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
OS3	Recreation Routes.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
CF1	Community Facilities; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
CF2	New Housing Development and the Education Provision.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
AC1	Connectivity and Accessibility; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
AC2	Transport Requirements in New Development.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE1	Green Infrastructure;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE2	Biodiversity;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE3	Geology and Geodiversity;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

NE4	Water Resources;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE5	Soils	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE6	Landscape Character	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE7	Air Quality and Pollution Control	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE8	Contaminated and Unstable Land	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE9	Minerals Development	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
NE10	Waste Development	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB1	Development in the Green Belt;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB2	Beneficial Use of the Green Belt;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB3	Conversion and Re-Use of Buildings in the Green Belt;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB4	Village Settlements in the Green Belt;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB5	Agricultural, Forestry and Other Occupational Dwellings in the Green Belt;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB6	Agricultural Diversification in the Green Belt; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
GB7	Equestrian Development in the Green Belt.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
BH1	Conservation Areas;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

BH2	Listed Buildings;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
BH3	Scheduled Monuments;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
BH4	Historic Parks;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
BH5	Archaeological Features; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
BH6	local Non-Designated Heritage Assets.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
IN1	Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure;	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
IN2	Shale Gas Extraction (Fracking);	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
IN3	Digital and Communications Infrastructure; and	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
IN4	Public Utilities Infrastructure.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

## **Appendix B**

Integrated Assessment of the  
Bury Local Plan Policy  
Directions Document

## B1 IA of Objectives

Table 7 IA of objective 1 – Deliver sustainable development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria...will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	?	The objective seeks to "deliver sustainable development" which would have uncertain effects on this IA objective as ensuring provision of housing could help to deliver sustainable development.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	?	The objective seeks to "deliver sustainable development" which would have uncertain effects on this IA objective as ensuring provision of employment could help to deliver sustainable development.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5		Foster good relations between different people?	o	

	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>

		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>

17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>

Table 8: IA of objective 2 - Promote health and wellbeing within the Borough's communities

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria...will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	++	The objective seeks to "promote health and well-being within the Borough's communities" and it is therefore very compatible with this objective.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	++	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>

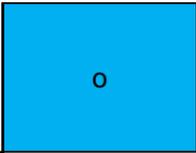
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?		
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Table 9 IA of objective 3 - Reduce carbon emissions and ensure that the Borough is resilient and adaptive to the effects of climate change

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria...will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	The objective seeks to reduce emissions, and therefore reducing car use would have positive effects on this IA objective.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	The objective seeks to reduce carbon emissions, which would result in active modes of transport being utilised and therefore there are positive compatibilities with this objective.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	+	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	The objective seeks to reduce carbon emissions and increased use of sustainable transport would help to achieve this.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+/?	The objective seeks to reduce carbon emissions, which indirectly may help to improve air quality. Reference could be made in the objective to improvements in air quality.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	+/?	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	++	The objective states, "reduce carbon emissions and ensure that the Borough is resilient and adaptive to the effects of climate change" and is therefore very compatible with this objective.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	++	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	++	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	++	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>

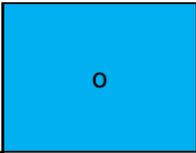
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?		
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Table 10 IA of objective 4 - Manage flood risk from all sources

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria...will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	?	The objective states 'manage flood risk from all sources' which may affect the availability of land for development as an increase in hardstanding would affect surface flow and thus flood risk.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	++	The objective states, "manage flood risk from all sources" and is therefore considered to be very compatible with this objective. The objective could refer to managing flood risk in certain areas to be more specific in terms of where this will be focused.
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	++	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	++	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	++	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	++	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	++	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	

Table 11 IA of objective 5 - Make efficient use of land including prioritising the redevelopment of brownfield land

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	The objective seeks to make efficient use of land and therefore will aid the objective to ensure housing land to meet needs.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	○	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	○	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	○	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	○	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	○	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	○	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	○	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	○	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	○	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	○	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	○	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	○	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	○	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	○	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	++	The objective seeks to make efficient use of land, prioritising the redevelopment of brownfield land and has very positive links to this objective. It is therefore considered to be very compatible with this objective.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	+	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	++	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	○	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	○	

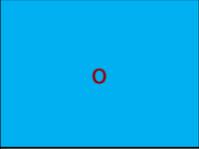
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 12 IA of objective 6 - Ensuring that all new development incorporates high standards of design and layout

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	The objective states to ensure new development incorporates high standards of design and layout and therefore it would have positive effects with this objective.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	++	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	The objective states to ensure new development incorporates high standards of design and layout and therefore it would have positive effects with this objective which seeks to discourage crime. This could be referenced specifically in the objectives, or in an alternative policy.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	+	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	The design and layout of new developments could have positive effects on this objective relating to healthier lifestyles as this can be supported through design of new developments.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	+	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>

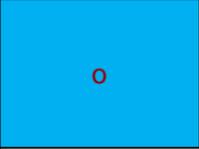
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 13 IA of objective 7 - To safeguard amenity

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+ / ?	The objective states "to safeguard amenity" and whilst this does not directly relate to an IA objective, it has potentially positive links to reducing deprivation and crime, however there are uncertainties as there is no direct reference to amenity.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	+ / ?	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	+ / ?	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	+ / ?	The objective states "to safeguard amenity" and whilst this does not directly relate to an IA objective, it has potentially positive links to promoting equality, fostering relations and ensure equal opportunities and access, however there are uncertainties as there is no direct reference to amenity.
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	+ / ?	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	+ / ?	
6		Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	

	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>

		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>

Table 14 IA of objective 8 - Deliver an appropriate supply of well-designed housing to meet needs

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	++	The objective states Bury will “deliver an appropriate supply of well-designed housing to meet needs.” It is therefore considered to be very compatible with this objective as it implies that the housing being supplied will meet needs.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	++	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	+	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o

	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 15 IA of objective 9 - Deliver a competitive and diverse local economy and high quality jobs

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	++	The objective states that Bury will “deliver a competitive and diverse local economy and high quality jobs.” It is considered that the objective has a strong compatibility with this objective.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough’s six towns?	++	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	
		Encourage inward investment?	++	
		Encourage tourism development?	++	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	++	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	The objective seeks to ensure there is a competitive economy and therefore will help to reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	The objective seeks to deliver a competitive and diverse local economy, and therefore may help to provide access to apprenticeships and training, however there is insufficient detail at this stage to determine the compatibility and if there are any effects.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o

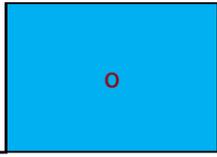
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 16 IA of objective 10 - Support a hierarchy of vital and viable town, district, local and neighbourhood centres

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	The objective states, "support a hierarchy of vital and viable town... centres" which would have positive effects of this objective, however it does not explicitly state that it will relate to economic growth.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	The objective seeks to support a hierarchy of vital and viable town, district, local and neighbourhood centres. This would support this objective as it seeks to strengthen local character and distinctiveness.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	+	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	

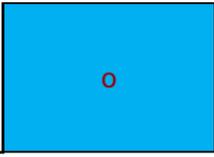
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 17 IA of objective 11 - Safeguard existing and promoting new tourism and cultural development in appropriate locations

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	The objective states "safeguard existing and promoting new tourism and cultural development in appropriate locations" which would have positive effects on this objective. There are also some effects which are uncertain, but potentially positive, as insufficient detail is provided at this stage.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+ / ?	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	++	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+ / ?	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	+	The objective seeks to safeguard and promote new tourism and cultural development and biodiversity sites, and similar, will help to retain this and could act as tourism sites. Therefore there are positive effects for this objective although these are not specifically mentioned for tourism.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	+	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	+	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	+	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	+	The objective seeks to safeguard and promote new tourism and cultural development and cultural and heritage sites will help to retain this and could act as tourism sites. Therefore there are positive effects for this objective although these are not specifically mentioned for tourism.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	+	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	+	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	+	The objective seeks to safeguard and promote new tourism and cultural development and green spaces will help to retain this and could act as tourism sites. Therefore there are positive effects for this objective although these are not specifically mentioned for tourism.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	+	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	+	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	

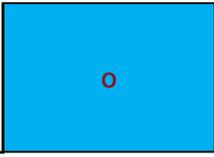
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 18 IA of objective 12 - Ensure that the Borough's residents have access to a sufficient amount of good quality open space, sport and recreation facilities

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	The objective seeks to provide access to open space, sport and recreation facilities. This has positive effects on this criteria which aims to support healthier lifestyles, providing opportunities for physical activities.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	+	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	+	The objective is focused on providing open space and this objective has some positive effects as it is focused on biodiversity and wildlife sites. Although it is not always aligned that these are accessible spaces, there is potential for positive effects.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	+	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	+	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	+	The objective is focused on providing open space and this objective has some positive effects as it seeks to improve the existing open spaces.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	++	The objective states, "ensure that the Borough's residents have access to a sufficient amount of good quality open space, sport and recreation facilities." This objective has very positive effects against this objective as it seeks to ensure access to and protection of public open space and green space.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	++	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	++	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	

	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 19 IA of objective 13 - Ensure that the Borough's residents have adequate access to community facilities

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	The objective seeks to ensure "residents have adequate access to community facilities" which results in uncertain effects on this objective as there is potential that these could be provided in the town centres and therefore this could help enhance the viability of the town centres. Reference could be made to where the location of community facilities will be encouraged.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	?	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	The objective seeks to ensure "residents have adequate access to community facilities" which results in uncertain effects against this objective. There is potential that further provision of community facilities will help to reduce various levels of crime.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	?	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	?	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	+	The objective aims to ensure access to community facilities which has positive effects against this objective which seeks to ensure equal access and also foster relations between people as the community facilities will enable social interaction between various groups.
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	+	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	+	The objective scores positively against this objective as it seeks to improve access to health facilities.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	The objective scores positively against this objective as it seeks to improve access to education facilities.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	+	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	+	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	

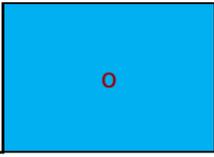
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 20 IA of objective 14 - Encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private motor vehicles

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	++	The objective seeks to "encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private motor vehicles" and therefore has positive effects on this objective which seeks to reduce journeys made in vehicles and encourage use of other modes.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	++	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6		Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	

	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	++	The objective seeks to "encourage sustainable transport choices and reduce the number and length of journeys, particularly by private motor vehicles" and therefore has positive effects on this objective which aims to promote sustainable modes of transport.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	++	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	++	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+	The objective seeks to encourage sustainable transport and would therefore have an indirect, positive effect on air quality as emissions would be reduced.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	+	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	The objective seeks to encourage sustainable transport and would therefore have an indirect, positive effect on air quality as emissions would be reduced.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	+	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	

		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o

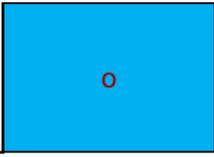
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 21 IA of objective 15 - Protect and enhance the Borough's natural environment

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6		Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	

	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	++	The objective states, "protect and enhance the Borough's natural environment" and it is therefore considered to be compatible with this objective which seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	++	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	++	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	++	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	

		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	+	The objective refers to protecting and enhancing the natural environment and therefore is considered to be compatible with this objective which seeks to protect and enhance public open space and natural green space.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	++	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	++	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	

Table 22 IA of objective 16 - Protect and manage Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	?	The objective states to "protect and manage Green Belt" which may have negative effects on this objective as it seeks to ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land and the Green Belt may be needed to facilitate this.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6		Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	

	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	0	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	0	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	0	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	0	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	0	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	0	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	0	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	0	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	0	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	0	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	0	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	0	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	0	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	0	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	0	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	0	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	0	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	0	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	0	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	0	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	0	

		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	+	The objective states to "protect and manage Green Belt" which would encourage the use of previously developed land, and therefore would have positive effects on this objective.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	+	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	+	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	+	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	

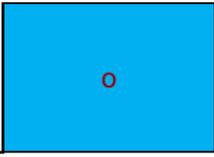
	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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Table 23 IA of objective 17 - Protect and enhance the Borough's built heritage

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	
6		Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	

	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	

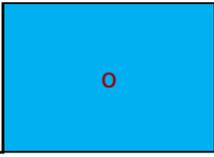
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	The objective states "protect and enhance the Borough's built heritage" and therefore has positive effects on this objective.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	++	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	

Table 24 IA of objective 18 - Ensure and that new and existing development is supported by appropriate infrastructure

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Compatibility	Narrative
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	The objective refers to, "ensuring new and existing development is supported by appropriate infrastructure" which could include transport infrastructure. It is therefore considered that the objective has a strong compatibility with this objective.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	++	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	++	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	

		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>

12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o

	implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Promote reduced waste generation rates?	
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## B2 Overarching Principles

Table 25: OP1 – Sustainable Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that the Council contributes towards achieving sustainable development by considering growth and development in terms of economic, social and environmental implications. It will indirectly have a positive effect on the viability of Bury. The no policy option would have a negative effect on the area's viability as there would be no guidance towards achieving sustainable development. Policy elsewhere could potentially mitigate these negative effects.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that the Council contributes towards achieving sustainable development by considering growth and development in terms of economic, social and environmental implications. It will indirectly have a positive effect on the viability of Bury. The no policy option would have a negative effect on the area's viability as there would be no guidance towards achieving sustainable development. Policy elsewhere could potentially mitigate these negative effects. The policy direction could include reference to the UN Sustainable Development Goals in order to provide specific and relevant criteria.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	+	-	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	+	-	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 26: OP2 – Health and Wellbeing

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A			
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that development makes a positive contribution towards the health and wellbeing of the Borough's communities. It would have a strong, positive effect on supporting healthier lifestyles as it specifically references promoting active travel. Therefore, the no policy option would have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of Bury as there would be no overarching principle ensuring development makes a positive contribution.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	--	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	+	-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that development makes a positive contribution towards the health and wellbeing of the Borough's communities. It would have a positive effect on the promotion of active travel as this is referenced in the policy direction text. The no policy option would therefore have a negative effect as there would be no guidance directing the overall health and wellbeing of Bury.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction refers to making provision for local green spaces. It therefore is expected to have positive effects on this objective which seeks to maintaining and improving green infrastructure provision. The no policy option would have negative effects as it would not support the provision of local green spaces.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	+	-	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction refers to making provision for local green spaces. It therefore is expected to have positive effects on this objective which seeks to maintaining and improving public open space and natural green space. The no policy option would have negative effects as it would not support the provision of local green spaces.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	+	-	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	+	-	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	land contamination					
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 27: OP3 – Climate Change

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	○	○	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	○	○	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	○	○	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	○	○	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	++	--	N/A	This policy direction seeks to take a proactive approach towards mitigating against and adapting to the cause and effects of climate change. It would have a strongly positive effect against this objective, as it would directly ensure communities are resilient to climate change. Alternatively, the no policy option

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	would have a negative effect as lack of policy would equate to lack of guidance for mitigation against climate change in Bury.
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	+	-	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 28: OP4 – Air Quality and Pollution Control

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	?/+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. Building and providing new houses can have a detrimental impact on air quality, unless consideration is given to mitigating this impact which is explained in the policy direction as mitigation will be required. The no option policy would not encourage the provision of new homes but this is not likely due to the need for new homes for people to live in.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	?/+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. Providing employment land for a number of different uses including industry and large scale farming can have a detrimental impact on air quality, unless consideration is given to mitigating this impact which is explained in the policy direction as mitigation will be required. The no option policy would not encourage the provision of employment sites but this is not likely due to the need for jobs and employment.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	?/+	?/-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have an indirect link to the use of cars as by preventing pollution this will likely impact on the provision of car related infrastructure such as parking spaces. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would not indirectly discourage car use.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	○	○	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. The reduction of pollution would have benefits to health through breathing clean air and reducing respiratory issues. The no policy option would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would have a detrimental impact on human health.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	++	-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+/?	-/?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have an indirect link to the use of cars as by preventing pollution this will likely impact on the provision of car related infrastructure such as parking spaces. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would not indirectly discourage car use.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have a positive impact on preventing pollution and the adverse impacts of pollution and therefore improving air quality. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would have a detrimental impact on air quality.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	○	○	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have a positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which would have a detrimental impact on preventing climate change.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	+	-	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 29 OP5 – Flood Risk Management

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to manage flood risk by ensuring new development complies with flood risk management hierarchy. It therefore has much crossover and a strongly direct and positive effect against this objective. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be no clear principle ensuring new development complies with flood risk management.
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	++	--	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	++	--	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 30: OP6 – Efficient Use of Land

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that all new development makes efficient use of land. It will therefore have an indirectly positive effect against ensuring the quantity of housing land is appropriate to meet Bury's housing needs. The no policy option would have an indirectly negative effect against providing a sustainable supply of housing land as there would be no overarching guidance to efficient use of land; policy elsewhere could mitigate against this gap.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that all new development makes efficient use of land. It would have an indirectly positive effect on this objective, in that employment sites would be considered as part of land use. The no policy option would have an indirectly negative effect as there would be a lack of guidance on efficient land use. Policy specific to employment land could potentially mitigate this lack of guidance.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that all new development makes efficient use of land. It would thus have a positive effect on this objective as land use efficiency would be directly improved. The no policy option would alternatively have a negative effect as no clear guidance would support the efficient use of land.
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	+	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	+	-	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 31: OP7 – Design and Layout of New Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure new development displays high standards of design and layout. It would therefore positively affect the Borough's viability as proposals considered to be of a poor standard would be refused. The no policy option would have an indirectly negative effect as there would be unclear guidance on the standard of design and layout expected of proposals in Bury.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 32: OP8 - Amenity

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure new development does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of new and existing residents in the surrounding area. It will have an indirectly positive effect on the Borough's viability. The no policy option would have a slight negative effect as there would be no guidance to ensure the amenity of new and existing residents is protected.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure new development does not have an adverse impact on the amenity of new and existing residents in the surrounding

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	area. It will indirectly and positively affect relations between different people through the protection of amenity. The no policy option would have a slight negative effect as there would be no guidance to ensure the amenity of new and existing residents is protected, which could negatively impact relations.
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 33: OP9 – Planning Conditions and Obligations

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction specifies that affordable housing provision is a priority. It would accordingly have a strong, positive effect against this housing objective. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be a lack of guidance calling for affordable housing; although this could be mitigated by policy in the Housing chapter.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	++	--	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that where development would cause an increased need and demand upon infrastructure, services or facilities, that the Council would ensure adverse impacts are mitigated against. Therefore, the policy would have a positive effect upon this objective in that it would ensure that increased need of transport and utilities infrastructure would be addressed through development. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be unclear guidance on the use of planning conditions to support infrastructure improvements.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	This policy direction specifies that open space, sport, and recreation provision is a priority. It would accordingly have a positive effect in supporting healthier lifestyles. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be a lack of guidance regulating open space provision; although this could be mitigated by policy in the Open Space, Sport and Recreation chapter.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	+	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction specifies that education provision is a priority. It would accordingly have a positive effect against this objective as adequate education provision would improve educational levels of the surrounding population. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be a lack of guidance calling for educational facilities; although this could be mitigated by policy elsewhere.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	+	-	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	+	-	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport>	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction specifies that open space, sport, and recreation provision is a priority. It would accordingly have a positive effect in improving the character of open spaces. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be a lack of guidance regulating open space provision; although this could be mitigated by policy in the Open Space, Sport and Recreation chapter.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction specifies that open space, sport, and recreation provision is a priority. It would accordingly have a positive effect in improving the character of open spaces. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be a lack of guidance regulating open space provision; although this could be mitigated by policy in the Open Space, Sport and Recreation chapter.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	+	-	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B3 Housing

Table 34: H1 – Housing Land Provision

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	++	? / -	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new housing development. This is therefore compatible with the assessment criteria. The policy direction does not reference the type or tenures of the new housing development that will be encouraged, however there are potentially positive effects as it is likely a range of housing will be provided. The policy direction does not specifically state that there will be affordable homes however it does state that the housing will be to help meet Bury's needs, which indirectly is likely to include affordable housing provision. It is not considered that there is a reasonable alternative to this policy and therefore 'no policy' is not an option and would likely have negative effects.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	+ / ?	? / -	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	+ / ?	? / -	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new housing development, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation. There is no reasonable alternative for this policy and it is unclear how this would perform without the policy.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	+	?	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	+	+ / ?	N/A	The policy direction states that it will include previously developed sites for housing and therefore is compatible with this objective. The NPPF also promotes the use of previously developed land and therefore without the policy there is potential for compatibility, however it is more uncertain. The use of previously developed land will indirectly protect the best and most versatile agricultural land / soil resources from inappropriate development, encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and will indirectly support reductions in land contamination. Without the policy, it is uncertain how this would be implemented and where the development would be.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	+	?	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	+	?	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	+	?	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 35: H2 – Windfall Housing Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	++	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that planning applications for housing on sites which are not allocated will be supported. The policy direction does not reference the type or tenures of the new housing development that will be encouraged, however there are potentially positive effects indirectly as a range of house types are likely to come forward. The policy direction does not specifically state that there will be affordable homes however it does state that housing will be brought forward, which indirectly is likely to include affordable housing provision. This is therefore compatible with the assessment criteria. It is not considered that there is a reasonable alternative to this policy and therefore 'no policy' is not an option.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	+ / ?	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	+ / ?	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	?	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	This is covered within policy H7.
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	○	○	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+ / ?	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new housing development, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation. There is no reasonable alternative for this policy.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 36: H3 – Housing Needs

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	++	--	N/A	The policy direction is focused on housing needs, and seeks to ensure housing developments will provide an appropriate mix of dwellings to address local needs including any additional needs. The policy therefore has positive effects against this objective. The option of no policy is discounted as the policy is a requirement of the NPPF, however if there is no policy to ensure that housing needs and a mix of housing is developed, then there would be a negative effect on this policy direction. It is not considered that there is a reasonable alternative to this policy and therefore 'no policy' is not an option.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	++	-	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	++	-	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	?	?	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	This is covered within policy H7.
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+ / ?	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new housing development, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation. There is no reasonable alternative for this policy.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 37: H4 – Affordable Housing Provision

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction is focused on the provision of affordable housing. This therefore has positive effects for this objective as it will provide the assurance that affordable housing will be provided. The option of no policy is discounted as the policy is a requirement of the NPPF, however if there is no policy to ensure that housing needs and a mix of housing is developed, then there would be a negative effect on this policy direction. It is not considered that there is a reasonable alternative to this policy and therefore 'no policy' is not an option.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	++	-	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	++	-	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	?	?	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	This is covered within policy H7.
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+ / ?	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new affordable housing, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation. There is no reasonable alternative for this policy.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 38: H5 – Special Needs Housing

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction is focused on the provision of housing for the elderly or those with specialist housing needs. The policy refers to further development and thus has a positive effect on this objective overall. The policy also has positive effects in terms of supplying an appropriate mix of housing types and affordable homes, which will help to meet this need. There are negative effects on the no policy direction as there would be no requirement for this need to be met. It is not considered that there is a reasonable alternative to this policy and therefore 'no policy' is not an option.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	++	-	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	++	-	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	?	?	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	This is covered within policy H7.
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction is focused on the provision of housing for the elderly or those with specialist housing needs. The policy direction therefore has positive effects as there would be improved housing facilities for this demographic, however the no policy option results in uncertain effects.
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	+	?	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	+	?	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	○	○	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	○	○	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	○	○	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 39: H6 – Self-build and Custom Housebuilding

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+ / ?	-	N/A	The policy direction is focused on self-build and custom housebuilding. This policy direction has generally positive effects for this objective, as it is helping to develop a range of housing of different types. The option of no policy has negative effects as it would not help to support the development of self-build and custom housebuilding.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	++	-	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	+	-	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	?	?	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	This is covered within policy H7.
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 40: H7 – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+ / ?	?	N/A	The policy direction is focused on gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople and ensuring that the needs of these groups are addressed. This policy direction has some positive effects anticipated for this objective as there is a specific sub-criteria, and it seeks to supply a mix of housing to meet the demand. The option of no policy has uncertain effects as it would not support the allocation of sites for the groups.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	+ / ?	?	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	++	?	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction is focused on the provision of housing for gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople. The policy direction therefore has positive effects as there would be improved housing facilities for these groups, however the no policy option results in uncertain effects as the outcomes are unknown.
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	++	?	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	○	○	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	○	○	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	○	○	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 41: H8 – The Form and Layout of New Housing Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	-	The policy direction is focused on the form and layout of new development. It therefore would have positive effects for this objective as it seeks to provide new homes. The no policy option would have negative effects, as it would not ensure the form and layout was a fundamental part of the development. The alternative option of a design policy also have negative effects as although it would ensure design was considered, it is not specific to housing development and the provision of housing which has different requirements to other types of development.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	+	-	-	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	+	-	-	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	+	?	-	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	o	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	o	The policy direction seeks to ensure that residential development contributes to GM zero carbon targets and therefore has positive effects with this objective as it seeks to support renewable energy and encourage reduction in energy use and energy efficiency. The no policy option and alternative options would have uncertain effects as they would not provide a clear direction.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	+	?	?	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	+	?	?	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	o	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	o	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	o	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	o	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	o	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	o	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	o	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	o	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	o	The policy direction states that residential development should be well designed and make a positive contribution to the surrounding area. This would have a positive effect on the objective as it would respect and strengthen the existing local character. If there was no policy direction on this, there would be negative effects as there would be no policy that seeks to maintain local character.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	o	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	+	-	-	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	o	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	o	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Table 42: H9 – Alterations and Extensions to Residential Properties

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	○	The policy direction is focused on alterations and extension to residential properties. The policy direction therefore does not link to the provision of new housing however could have positive effects on the type and tenure of properties. This would be the same for the option of no policy or having a generic design policy. However, having the policy is likely to have more positive effects and therefore is preferred.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	+ / ?	+ / ?	+ / ?	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	○	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	○	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	○	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	○	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	○	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	○	○	○	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	○	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	○	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	○	○	○	
		Help to improve earnings?	○	○	○	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	○	○	○	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	○	○	○	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	○	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	○	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	○	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+ / ?	?	?	The policy direction seeks to provide criteria for alterations and extensions to residential properties. This could improve the living conditions of houses and could indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation. There is no reasonable alternative for this policy.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	○	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	○	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	○	○	○	The policy direction seeks to provide criteria for alterations and extensions to residential properties. The policy direction therefore has positive effects as

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	○	there would be improved housing facilities, however the no policy option results in uncertain effects. The design policy could also have positive effects for this objective.
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	+ / ?	?	+ / ?	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	○	○	○	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	○	○	○	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	○	○	○	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	○	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	○	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	○	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	○	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	○	○	○	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	○	○	○	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	○	○	○	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	○	○	○	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	○	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	○	○	○	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	○	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	○	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	○	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	○	○	○	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	o	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	+ / ?	?	?	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	o	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	o	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	o	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	o	

Table 43: H10 – Residential Conversions

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	o	The policy direction is focused on residential conversions. It therefore would have positive effects for this objective that seeks to ensure an appropriate mix of types of properties. There are uncertain effects for the no policy option and the design policy as they would not be specific to housing development and therefore may not enable this to occur.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	+	?	?	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	?	?	?	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	o	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	o	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	o	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	o	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	o	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	o	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	o	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	o	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

## B4 Economy and Employment

Table 44: EC1 – Employment Land Provision

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	++	? / -	N/A	The policy direction states that the policy will encourage new office, industrial and warehousing development through delivering good quality employment sites to meet identified need. The policy direction has positive effects against the objective generally as it is aiming to provide employment, however there are uncertain effects against the specifics relating to the competitiveness of the six towns, tourism development and improving earnings as there is insufficient detail in the policy direction that covers this. The option of no policy would have negative and uncertain effects, as it would not be in conformity with the NPPF and would result in uncertainty for the locations of new employment.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	?	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	? / -	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	?	-	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	?	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?	? / -	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	?	N/A	The policy direction is likely to have an indirect, positive effect on the deprivation objective, as providing more employment is likely to reduce the number of people living in deprivation. The option of no policy results in uncertain effects as there would be no direction for the location of employment sites.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction is focused on employment land provision, in the medium to long term this will result in more employment areas and therefore there may be more opportunities for work experience, apprenticeships and training. Having no policy would provide less certainty for the employment sites and therefore this results in uncertain effects.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	+ / ?	?	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 45: EC2 – New Business, Industrial and Warehousing Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	++	--	? / -	The policy direction seeks to set out key factors to be considered for proposals for new office, industrial and warehousing development. The policy direction therefore scores positively for establishing employment sites, encouraging investment and competitiveness and reducing unemployment levels. There is insufficient detail in the policy direction at present to determine whether it will have positive effects of tourism, earnings and the six towns. The option of no policy would result in negative effects as there would be no clear policy to direct this development. The alternative policy option of assessing proposals against a generic design policy would also not have positive effects as it would be generic and therefore would not be able to successfully manage these proposals.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	?	?	-	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	-	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	-	-	
		Encourage tourism development?	+ / ?	-	-	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	-	-	
		Help to improve earnings?	+ / ?	-	-	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	o	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	o	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	-	-	The policy direction seeks to provide new employment development, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation if there are more employment opportunities. If there was no policy or a generic design policy, this is likely to have negative effects as it would not encourage employment development in the same way.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	o	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	The policy direction is focused on proposals for new office, industrial and warehousing development. There is an indirect effect on the education and skill levels of the working age population and provision of work experience, apprenticeships and training as more opportunities will be created with further development and businesses located within the area. The option for no policy or a generic design policy will have uncertain effects on this as it is less clear how the developments could be brought forward and when.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	+ / ?	? / -	? / -	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	+ / ?	? / -	? / -	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Table 46: EC3 – Employment Generating Areas

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	++	--	N/A	The policy direction seeks to set out key factors to be considered for employment generating areas. The policy direction therefore has positive effects for the objective generally as it seeks to encourage development into these areas and expand these where appropriate to create a sustainable, diverse and competitive local economy. The option of no policy is likely to have negative effects as there would be no policy to encourage development to these areas and therefore no guarantee that they would be regenerated, or what uses would be developed there.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	?	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	-	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	-	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	+ / ?	-	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new employment development, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation if there are more employment opportunities. If there was no policy, this is likely to have negative effects as it would not encourage employment development in the same way.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction is focused on employment generating areas. There is an indirect effect on the education and skill levels of the working age population and provision of work experience, apprenticeships and training as more opportunities will be created with further development and businesses located within the area. The option for no policy will have uncertain effects on this as it is less clear how the developments could be brought forward and when.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	+ / ?	? / -	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	+ / ?	? / -	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	+	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction aims to encourage development to the employment generating areas, which would result in more development in these areas and less development on greenfield sites. The policy direction therefore has positive effects, and no policy would have negative effects as it would not focus development to these areas.
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	+	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	+	-	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 47: EC4 – Employment Sites Outside Employment Generating Areas

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	++	--	N/A	The policy direction seeks to set out key factors to be considered for employment sites outside the employment generating areas. The policy direction therefore has positive effects for the objective generally as it seeks to encourage employment development in existing locations and ensure these are in accessible places. The option of no policy is likely to have negative effects as there would be no policy to encourage development and therefore no guarantee or consideration about where the employment development would be located.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	?	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	-	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	-	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	+ / ?	-	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to provide new employment development, which would indirectly reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation if there are more employment opportunities. If there was no policy, this is likely to have negative effects as it would not encourage employment development in the same way.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction is focused on employment areas. There is an indirect effect on the education and skill levels of the working age population and provision of work experience, apprenticeships and training as more opportunities will be created with further development and businesses located within the area. The option for no policy will have uncertain effects on this as it is less clear how the developments could be brought forward and when.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	+ / ?	? / -	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	+ / ?	? / -	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	?	N/A	The policy direction states that the employment sites will be within accessible locations. This will therefore reduce the need to travel, has the potential to reduce the reliance on vehicles and supports use of active travel. The policy direction therefore has positive effects with this policy, however the option of no policy has uncertain effects as it is unknown where the development would occur.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	?	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	?	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+	?	N/A	The policy direction references the need for accessible locations, which will reduce the need to travel and encourage use of more sustainable modes of travel, which will indirectly have positive effects for the air quality objective as there will be fewer emissions. There are uncertain effects for the no policy option as it is unknown where the development would occur.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	+	?	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B5 Town Centres and main Town Centre Uses

Table 48: TC1 – Hierarchy and Role of Centres

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough's hierarchy of town, district and local centres. The policy direction therefore scores highly on maintaining the viability of the six towns and improving business development and competitiveness through agglomeration in these locations, and providing employment sites in town centre sites such as retail and office use. In addition, having these specified centres allows for concentrated inward investment in these areas. There is insufficient detail in the policy direction at present to determine it will have a positive effect on tourism, unemployment levels or improved income. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on the viability of the six towns and development and enhanced competitiveness and unknown impacts on the remaining assessment criteria
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	++	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	?	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough's hierarchy of town, district and local centres. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use and less areas to concentrate development on.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	?	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough's hierarchy of town, district and local centres. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use and less areas to concentrate development on.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy aims to concentrate growth into the existing centres. As such it is possible that the policy would have a positive impact on the development of previously developed or derelict land however more information would be required to confirm the impact.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 49: TC2 – Town Centre Development Opportunities

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support the vitality and resilience of the Borough's town centres encouraging development and regeneration. This would have a positive impact on business providing inward investment, development and employment opportunities in centres and providing employment sites in town centre sites such as retail and office use. More information would be required to determine if there would be a beneficial impact on tourism. The option of no policy would result in negative effects as there would be no clear policy support development and regeneration of town centre sites.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	++	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	-	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	+	-	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to encourage the development and regeneration of key town centre sites. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	++	? / -	N/A	The policy direction seeks to encourage the development and regeneration of key town centre sites. By supporting regeneration there is likely to be a positive impact on deprivation by providing jobs on key service centres for people to travel to. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on deprivation experienced in town centres as there would be no clear policy to support regeneration in the town centres
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to encourage the development and regeneration of key town centre sites. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy aims to encourage regeneration in the existing town centres. As such it is likely that the policy would have a positive impact on the development of previously developed or derelict land however more information would be required to confirm the impact.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 50: TC3 – Managing the Location and Scale of Main Town Centres Uses

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	o	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	o	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	o	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	o	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	o	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	?	The policy direction seeks to ensure that proposals for town centre uses are located within the town centres identified, highlighting that a sequential test would be required on sites over a certain threshold which will be locally derived. The policy direction therefore scores highly on maintaining the viability of the six towns and improving business development and competitiveness through agglomeration in these locations and providing retail employment sites in town centres. In addition, having these specified centres allows for concentrated inward investment in these areas. There is insufficient detail in the policy direction at present to determine with certainty if it will have a positive effect on tourism, unemployment levels or improved income. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on the viability of the six towns and development and enhanced competitiveness and unknown impacts on the remaining assessment criteria. The alternative policy option to utilise floorspace thresholds from the NPPF would have a very similar impact to that of the policy directive as the principle behind the policy is the same. However by utilising the NPPF floorspace thresholds there may be potentially adverse impacts on existing centres which lessened the positive score of the alternative option
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	++	-	+	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	-	+	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	?	+	
		Encourage tourism development?	?/+	?	?/+	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?	?/+	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?	?/+	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	+	The policy direction seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough's town centres. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use and less areas to concentrate development on. The alternative policy option to utilise floorspace thresholds from the NPPF would have a very similar impact on transport use to that of the policy directive as the principle behind the policy is the same.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	+	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	?	+	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	+	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	o	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	o	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	o	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	o	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	o	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	o	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	o	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	o	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	o	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	o	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	o	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	o	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	o	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	o	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	+	The policy direction seeks to maintain and enhance the vitality of the Borough's town centre uses. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use and less areas to concentrate development on. The alternative policy option to utilise floorspace thresholds from the NPPF would have a very similar impact on transport use to that of the policy directive as the principle behind the policy is the same.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	+	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	+	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	?/+	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	?/+	option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The alternative policy option to utilise floorspace thresholds from the NPPF would have a very similar impact on transport use and therefore air quality to that of the policy directive as the principle behind the policy is the same.
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	?/+	The policy aims to concentrate growth into the existing town centres. As such it is possible that the policy would have a positive impact on the development of previously developed or derelict land however more information would be required to confirm the impact. The alternative policy option to utilise floorspace thresholds from the NPPF would have a very similar impact to that of the policy directive as the principle behind the policy is the same. However by utilising the NPPF floorspace thresholds there may be potentially adverse impacts on existing centres which may lessened the positive score of the alternative option, however more detail would be required to confirm this
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	?/+	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Table 51: TC4 – Primary Shopping Areas

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that retailing is retained as the predominant use at ground floor level within centres Primary Shopping Areas. The policy direction therefore scores positively on maintaining the viability of the six towns and improving business development and competitiveness through agglomeration in these locations and providing employment sites in retail town centre sites. There is likely to be a beneficial impact in regard to encouraging inward investment, reducing unemployment and improving earnings however there is insufficient detail in the policy direction at present to confirm this. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on the viability of the six towns and development and enhanced competitiveness and unknown impacts on the remaining assessment criteria
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that retailing is retained as the predominant use at group floor level within centres Primary Shopping Areas to enhance the viability and vitality of the centres. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, encouraging viability and vitality in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as reduced retail uses in the centres would lead to more car use to out of centre uses
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	?	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that retailing is retained as the predominant use at group floor level within centres Primary Shopping Areas to enhance the viability and vitality of the centres. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by concentrating retail development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as reduced retail uses in the centres would lead to more car use to out of centre uses
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out retail development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy aims to concentrate retail growth into the existing centres. As such it is possible that the policy would have a positive impact on the development of previously developed or derelict land however more information would be required to confirm the impact.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	?/+	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 52: TC5 – Local and Neighbourhood Centres

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of retail facilities within local and neighbourhood centres. The policy direction therefore scores positively on providing employment sites specifically in relation to retail in local areas, and could have a positive impact on inward investment, unemployment and improved earnings in these local economies. There is likely to be a negative impact on the viability of the six towns and enhancing competitiveness if the retail would conflict with the retail offer in the town and district centres. Therefore it must be clear that these retail facilities are for local use only and would not conflict with town and district centre uses. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on the local retail facilities provided and the positive outcomes of this alternative would not occur as long as the retail was correctly balanced with the retail offer in the town and district centres
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	-	+	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	-	+	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of local retail facilities within local and neighbourhood centres. These local facilities are to serve local populations and therefore would likely be accessed via short trips such as walking or cycling. Local facilities would reduce the need to travel into the town and district centres for basic day-to-day facilities which would reduce the number of trips required. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on car use as people would be required to travel further for their day to day local needs.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of local retail facilities within local and neighbourhood centres. These local facilities are to serve local populations and therefore would likely be accessed via short trips such as walking or cycling which would encourage a more active lifestyle. In addition, in hard to reach locations that are not serviced from local transport it may be difficult to access town and district centres. As such, people would need local facilities to support their day to day needs. As such, the no policy option would result in negative impacts on health
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	+	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of local retail facilities within local and neighbourhood centres. These local facilities are to serve local populations and therefore would likely be accessed via short trips such as walking or cycling. Local facilities would reduce the need to travel into the town and district centres for basic day-to-day facilities which would reduce the number of trips required. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on car use as people would be required to travel further for their day to day local needs.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out retail development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 53: TC6 – Local Shops and Services

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of retail facilities outside of recognised centres. The policy direction therefore scores positively on providing employment sites specifically in relation to retail in local areas, and could have a positive impact on inward investment, unemployment and improved earnings in these local economies. There is likely to be a negative impact on the viability of the six towns and enhancing competitiveness if the retail would conflict with the retail offer in the town and district centres. Therefore it must be clear that these retail facilities are for local use only and would not conflict with town and district centre uses. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on the local retail facilities provided and the positive outcomes of this alternative would not occur as long as the retail was correctly balanced with the retail offer in the town and district centres
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	-	+	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	-	+	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of local retail facilities outside of recognised centres. These local facilities are to serve local populations and therefore would likely be accessed via short trips such as walking or cycling. Local facilities would reduce the need to travel into the town and district centres for basic day-to-day facilities which would reduce the number of trips required. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on car use as people would be required to travel further for their day to day local needs.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of local retail facilities outside of recognised centres. These local facilities are to serve local populations and therefore would likely be accessed via short trips such as walking or cycling which would encourage a more active lifestyle. In addition, in hard to reach locations that are not serviced from local transport it may be difficult to access town and district centres. As such, people would need local facilities to support their day to day needs. As such, the no policy option would result in negative impacts on health
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	+	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to secure the importance of local retail facilities outside of recognised centres. These local facilities are to serve local populations and therefore would likely be accessed via short trips such as walking or cycling. Local facilities would reduce the need to travel into the town and district centres for basic day-to-day facilities which would reduce the number of trips required. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on car use as people would be required to travel further for their day to day local needs.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out retail development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 54: TC7 – Upper Floors in Centres

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals which bring underused and vacant space on upper floors of premise within centres back into beneficial use, including use as residential accommodation. As such, this would have a positive effect on providing housing and there is the potential for these to become affordable housing units. The option of no policy would result in a negative impact on these assessment criteria as there would be no policy to promote the use of these spaces for accommodation as they would continue to be underutilised
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	+	-	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals which bring underused and vacant space on upper floors of premise within centres back into beneficial use. The policy direction therefore scores highly on providing employment sites for office use, enhancing viability of the towns, improving business competitiveness and encouraging investment. There is insufficient detail in the policy direction at present to determine if it will have a positive effect on tourism, unemployment levels or improved income. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on the viability of the six towns and development and enhanced competitiveness and unknown impacts on the remaining assessment criteria.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	?	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	?	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals which bring underused and vacant space on upper floors of premise within centres back into beneficial use, which are located in centres. These locations within the centre are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by encouraging development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use and less areas to concentrate development on.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	?	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals which bring underused and vacant space on upper floors of premise within centres back into beneficial uses, within centre locations. These locations are likely to be the most accessible areas with the best links in terms of walking, cycling and public transport. As such, by encouraging development in these areas it is likely that more people would use public transport, reducing car use and improving transport connectivity to these locations. The option of no policy would result in negative impacts on transport as by spreading out uses there would be more car use and less areas to concentrate development on.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals which bring underused and vacant space on upper floors of premise within centres back into beneficial use. The policy direction would therefore have a positive impact on development of derelict properties, and concentrating development on previously developed land. The option of no policy would not encourage this reuse and would therefore have a negative impact.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

## B6 Tourism and Culture

Table 55: TO1 – Tourism and Cultural Assets

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction recognises the significant contribution that tourism and culture make towards both competitiveness and diversity of the local economy, as well as in improving attractiveness and quality of life. It will therefore directly support this objective in promoting sustainable economic growth and job promotion. The no policy option would result in a negative effect as there would be no clear guidance to support and develop the Borough's tourism and cultural offer.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	++	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	++	--	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	-	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	+	-	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	+	-	N/A	As this policy direction seeks to develop tourism within Bury, it provides jobs and indirectly reduces the number of people living in deprivation. Therefore, a lack of policy would have a negative effect as no clear policy would guide development of the tourism and cultural offer.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	+	-	N/A	As this policy direction seeks to develop tourism within Bury, it improves the quality of life and attractiveness of the Borough and indirectly fosters good relations between residents. Therefore, a lack of policy would have a negative effect as no clear policy would guide development of the tourism and cultural offer.
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction supports development of tourism in the Borough and will therefore provide work experience, etc. for young people. However, policy specifically on employment may have further guidance on access to work experience and training for young people, and people of all ages.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	+	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B7 Open Space, Sport and Recreation

Table 56: OS1 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to retain an adequate supply of good quality and accessible open space including sport and recreational assets. It directly supports improved health and wellbeing of the population; whereas the no policy option would have a negative effect on health as open space and related assets would not be retained through policy.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	+	-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+	?	N/A	This policy direction seeks to retain the supply of open space and would have an indirectly positive effect on the AQ in Bury. No policy would have an unclear effect as alternative policies on green infrastructure could mitigate effects from potential loss of open space.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to retain the supply of open space and would have an indirectly positive effect on green infrastructure in Bury. No policy would have an unclear effect as alternative policies on the environment and green infrastructure could mitigate potential loss of open space.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	+	?	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	+	?	N/A	This policy direction seeks to retain the supply of open space and would have an indirectly positive effect on green infrastructure in Bury. No policy would have an unclear effect as alternative policies on green infrastructure could mitigate potential loss of open space.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	++	-	N/A	This policy direction supports the enhancement of existing open space and therefore would directly improve landscape quality and character of open spaces in Bury. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be no clear policy to guide proposals on open space.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	+	?	N/A	This policy direction seeks to retain the supply of open space and would have an indirectly positive effect on green infrastructure in Bury. No policy would have an unclear effect as alternative policies on green infrastructure could mitigate potential loss of open space.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	+	?	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	++	?	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 57: OS2 – New Housing Development and the Provision of Open Space, Sport and Recreation

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	+	?	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure housing developers make provision for new or enhanced open space, sport and recreation to meet the needs of

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	++	-	N/A	prospective residents. It would indirectly foster relations between different people and directly ensure access to recreational facilities for residents. The no policy option would have an unclear effect on relations between residents as policy elsewhere in the local plan could adequately stimulate community cohesion. Additionally, the no policy option would negatively impact prospective residents as there would be no clear guidance for developers to supply new or enhanced open space.
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure housing developers make provision for new or enhanced open space, sport and recreation to meet the needs of prospective residents. It would directly support healthier lifestyles and reduce health inequalities for residents. Additionally, the no policy option would negatively impact prospective residents as there would be no clear guidance for developers to supply new or enhanced open space.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	+	-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction aims to ensure that developers make provision for new or enhanced open space. Additional or enhanced open space would indirectly improve air quality. The lack of policy option would have a negative effect as developers would have no policy guiding them to improve open space associated with their developments.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that developers make provision for new or enhanced open space. Additional or enhanced open space would directly improve provision of green infrastructure. The lack of policy option would have an unclear effect as policy on green infrastructure could mitigate for any loss of open space.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	+	?	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that developers make provision for new or enhanced open space. Additional or enhanced open space would directly improve provision of green infrastructure and positively impact on resilience. The no policy option would have a negative effect as this would mean new housing developments would not have guidance on the creation of open space.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	++	-	N/A	This policy direction directly supports enhancement to open spaces. The no policy option would have a negative effect as housing developers would not be encouraged to make provision for new or enhanced open space.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	++	-	N/A	This policy direction directly supports enhancement and creation of open spaces. The no policy option would have a negative effect on access to open space and green infrastructure, as housing developers would not be encouraged to make provision for new or enhanced open space.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	+	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 58: OS3 – Recreation Routes

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that access is promoted to the countryside through a network of designated recreational routes for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. It would indirectly reduce local traffic volumes, increase journeys used by modes other than the car, and improve transport connectivity to the countryside.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction promotes access to the countryside through the establishment of a network of designated recreational routes. It would

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	+	-	N/A	therefore promote access to infrastructure for those near the network. The no policy option would have a negative effect on access as lack of policy would not provide guidance to enhance the recreation route network.
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	This policy direction promotes access to the countryside through the establishment of a network of designated recreational routes. It would therefore directly support healthier lifestyles and reduce health inequalities in Bury. The no policy option would have a negative effect on healthier lifestyles as there would be no specific guidance to improve these routes for recreational use; however, other policy on health could mitigate any of these concerns.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	+	? / -	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to establish a network of designated recreation routes and will directly support the use of sustainable and active modes of transport, including new routes into the countryside. The no policy option would have a negative effect on sustainable modes of transport as lack of policy in this area would not ensure that the Council establishes a network of designated routes for pedestrians and cyclists.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	++	--	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	?	?	N/A	This policy direction and the no policy option will both have an uncertain effect in regard to access to open space within reasonable walking distance from residents; the policy is in regard to the network being accessible, rather than the open space being nearby. However, there would be a directly positive effect on access to greenspace. The no policy option would alternately have a negative effect as lack of policy on this topic would not incentivise the Council to establish an accessible network of recreational routes.
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B8 Community Facilities

Table 59: CF1 – Community Facilities

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	○	○	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	? / +	?	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure that the loss of community facilities will be resisted and that policy will highlight key considerations against which proposals for new and improved community facilities will be assessed. Communities which possess adequate facilities are better able to meet day-to-day needs of residents, thus this policy would support community wellbeing and discourage crime. The no policy option has a slightly negative effect because the lack of policy would leave a gap in community provision.
		Reduce the potential for crime?	+	-	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	+	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	++	--	N/A	This policy direction seeks to protect community facilities, which innately provide opportunity for residents to interact in a safe environment. Therefore, this policy would directly foster relations between people who may not interact otherwise. The no policy option would have a negative effect upon good relations in the community as there would be no policy seeking to protect these facilities.
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	++	-	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	+	?	N/A	This policy direction seeks to protect community facilities, which would include health facilities. Therefore, this policy would have positive effects for this objective. The no policy option would have an uncertain effect as it would not provide protection for these facilities.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction seeks to protect community facilities, which would include education facilities. Therefore, this policy would have positive effects for this objective. The no policy option would have an uncertain effect as it would not provide protection for these facilities.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	+	?	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 60: CF2 – New Housing Development and the Education Provision

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction aims to ensure developers of new housing make provision for new or enhanced education facilities to meet needs of school-aged residents. It will therefore directly improve education levels in the area and indirectly provide access to training for young people. It will strongly ensure access to facilities for all children near the new housing. The no policy option would negatively impact access to educational facilities as there would be no formal policy requiring developers to meet these demands.
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	+	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	++	--	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B9 Accessibility

Table 61: AC1 – Connectivity and Accessibility

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	○	○	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction guides new development into locations which encourage sustainable transport choices, thus reducing journeys by car. It therefore has significant crossover with this objective and would strongly and directly improve transport connectivity. The no policy option would alternatively have a negative effect as there would be no policy directing significant new development in a way to increase connectivity and accessibility.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	++	--	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	++	--	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	++	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	++	--	N/A	This policy direction encourages sustainable transport choices by directing development into suitable locations. It therefore strongly aligns with this objective through promoting efficient patterns of movement and reducing reliance on private motor vehicles. The no policy option would have a negative effect as lack of policy would equate to lack of guidance on development, likely resulting in unsustainable modes of transport being favoured.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 62: AC2 – Transport Requirements in New Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	++	--	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure development and transport planning are coordinated. It therefore strongly supports this objective and has a positive effect in reducing the need to travel by car through its promotion of public transport, cycling and walking. The no policy option would have a directly negative effect because there would be no clear guidance for transport planning in new developments.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	++	--	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	++	-	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	++	--	N/A	This policy direction seeks to ensure development and transport planning are coordinated. It therefore strongly supports this objective and has a positive effect in reducing the need to travel by car through its promotion of public transport use, cycling and walking. The no policy option would have a negative effect as development would not have adequate direction to improve accessibility and reduce the need to travel.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	++	--	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B10 Natural Environment

Table 63: NE1 – Green Infrastructure

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	○	○	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. Some green infrastructure such as parks, trails, woodlands etc can provide active travel options for cycling and walking. The no policy option would not protect and enhance these assets which may limit active travel options.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. Some green infrastructure such as parks, trails, woodlands etc. can provide active travel options for cycling and walking. This would be especially positive if the policy stated that the green infrastructure was targeted at areas to limit health inequalities. The no policy option would not protect and enhance these assets which may limit active travel options and therefore have an indirect impact on health.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	+	-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. Some green infrastructure such as parks, trails, woodlands etc. can provide active travel options for cycling and walking. The no policy option would not protect and enhance green infrastructure which may limit active travel options.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	++	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	++	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+/?	-/?	N/A	The policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving active travel, in addition to reducing CO2 through increased trees and vegetation, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced active transport options, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. By protecting and enhancing green infrastructure this provides a potential site for protected wildlife/ habitats which will be maintained and potentially enhanced. In addition, there is a clear link with maintaining and improving the provision of green infrastructure. The no policy option would not protect and enhance green infrastructure which may lead to negative impacts on the provision of green infrastructure
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	++	-	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	?	?	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	++	-	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. By protecting and enhancing green infrastructure this provides potential benefits in regard to resilience against climate change. The no policy option would not protect and enhance green infrastructure which may lead to negative impacts on the provision of green infrastructure and the benefits this has for protecting against climate change
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. Green infrastructure can play an important role in regard to protecting from flooding and enhancing drainage and as such will have positive benefits in regard to these assessment criteria. The no policy option would not protect or enhance green infrastructure which may have a detrimental impact on preventing flooding and minimising flood risk.
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	+	-	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. Green infrastructure can be utilised to enhance the use of open spaces and public realm, and as such would score positively against this assessment criteria to improve the quality of open space and public realm. The no policy option would not protect or enhance green infrastructure which would not encourage the use of green infrastructure in such places.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	+	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect and enhance multi-functional green infrastructure. As such, it would have very positive impacts against this assessment criteria to promote access to open space, greenspace and green infrastructure. The no policy option would not protect or enhance green infrastructure which would have detrimental impacts on the delivery of green infrastructure
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 64: NE2 - Biodiversity

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	○	○	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	○	○	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	○	○	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to minimise the impacts of development on biodiversity assets and providing net gains where possible. As such, this would have a significant positive impact on protecting designated wildlife and habitats, and encouraging improvements where possible. The no policy option would not protect and enhance biodiversity which may lead to negative impacts on the protection and enhancement of biodiversity
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	++	-	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 65: NE3 – Geology and Geodiversity

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	o	o	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to minimise the impacts of development on geological and geomorphological assets. This would ensure that any potential impacts have been fully assessed and that where potential impacts have been identified, measures have been taken to avoid, mitigate or compensate. The no policy option would not protect geological and geomorphological assets which may lead to negative impacts on the protection of these assets.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	++	-	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 66: NE4 – Water Resources

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to outline a set of criteria that should be taken into account when considering applications which may have an impact on water resources. This would ensure that any potential impacts on water resources have been fully assessed and where possible consideration is encouraged for contributing towards restoring and improving the Borough's water resources. The no policy option would not protect water resources and would potentially lead to development having a detrimental impact on water resources and a failure to improve resources when opportunities arise.
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	++	-	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	public open space and natural green space.	Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 67: NE5 – Soils

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	+	-	N/A	The policy seeks to outline a set of criteria that should be taken into account when considering applications which may have an impact on soil assets. This would include a policy to protect peat land which has an important role in locking carbon and therefore combating climate change. The no policy option would not provide protection to these resourcing and would allow them to be harmed through the development process, having detrimental impacts on preventing climate change.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to outline a set of criteria that should be taken into account when considering applications which may have an impact on soil assets. This would include a long standing presumption against the loss of the most versatile agricultural soils. The no policy option would not protect these soils and would potentially lead to development having a detrimental impact on these soil assets.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	○	○	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	○	○	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	○	○	N/A	

Table 68: NE6 – Landscape Character

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect, conserve and improve landscape quality. This would have indirect positive impact on encouraging better quality landscapes which maybe have a beneficial impact on providing enhanced wildlife sites. The no policy option would not encourage improved quality of landscape and therefore may not lead to enhanced wildlife sites
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	○	○	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	○	○	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	○	○	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect, conserve and improve landscape quality. As such, this would have a direct positive impact on improving the quality of landscape character. The no policy option would not encourage improved quality of landscape and therefore would likely have a detrimental impact on protecting, conserving and enhancing landscape character quality.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	○	○	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	○	○	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 69: NE7 – Contaminated and Unstable Land

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	?/-	?/+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. Building and providing new houses can have a detrimental impact on air quality, unless consideration is given to mitigating this impact. The no option policy would not encourage the provision of new homes but this is not likely due to the need for new homes for people to live in.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	?/-	?/+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. Providing employment land for a number of different uses including industry and large scale farming can have a detrimental impact on air quality, unless consideration is given to mitigating this impact. The no option policy would not encourage the provision of employment sites but this is not likely due to the need for jobs and employment.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	?/+	?/-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have an indirect link to the use of cars as by preventing pollution this will likely impact on the provision of car related infrastructure such as parking spaces. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would not indirectly discourage car use.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. The reduction of pollution would have benefits to health through breathing clean air and reducing respiratory issues. The no policy option would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would have a detrimental impact on human health.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	++	-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+/?	-/?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have an indirect link to the use of cars as by preventing pollution this will likely impact on the provision of car related infrastructure such as parking spaces. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would not indirectly discourage car use.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have a positive impact on preventing pollution and the adverse impacts of pollution and therefore improving air quality. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of pollution which would have a detrimental impact on air quality.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to prevent new and existing development from causing or being impacted by pollution. This will have a positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions. The no option policy would not encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which would have a detrimental impact on preventing climate change.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	+	-	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 70: NE8 – Minerals Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that new development will not result in the contamination of land or land stability concerns and where applicable will require remediation. This would ensure that development is not located on contaminated land which could have a detrimental impact on human health. The no policy option would not prevent new development on contaminated land which could put human health in danger.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that new development will not result in the contamination of land or land stability concerns and where applicable will require remediation. This would have a positive impact on supporting reductions in contaminated land, encouraging the use of the sites. The no policy option would not encourage the remediation of these sites and therefore would not lead to reductions in contaminated land.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 71: NE9 – Waste Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	○	○	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	○	○	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	○	○	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	?	?	N/A	The policy direction is focused on minerals development, and for any proposals for minerals extraction to be considered about the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document. The objective does not directly relate to minerals however there is a link through physical resources. The policy direction is considered to be important to ensure there is a clear signpost, and therefore no mitigation is proposed.
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	○	○	N/A	

Table 72: NE10 – Waste Development

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction is focused on waste development, and for any proposals for waste disposal to be considered about the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document. The objective does not directly relate to waste disposal however there is a link through the waste hierarchy and generation rates. Therefore the effects are uncertain. The policy direction is considered to be important to ensure there is a clear signpost, and therefore no mitigation is proposed.
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	?	?	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	?	?	N/A	

## B11 Green Belt

Table 73: GB1 – Development in the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	-	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. As such this prevents the development of housing on Green Belt sites and as such would score negatively for providing housing. However, no mitigation is suggested for this policy as it would not be considered appropriate to alter this policy given the importance of protecting the Green Belt. The no policy options scores more positively however this is because it would not provide the necessary protections to the Green Belt.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	-	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. As such this prevents the development of employment sites on Green Belt land and as such would score negatively for providing employment land. However, no mitigation is suggested for this policy as it would not be considered appropriate to alter this policy given the importance of protecting the Green Belt. In addition the policy direction scores highlight for enhancing the viability of the six towns and enhancing business competitiveness as by preventing Green Belt development will encourage the development of brownfield sites, of which many are likely to be located within existing centres. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on enhancing the viability of the towns and enhancing business competitiveness.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. In most cases Green Belt sites will not be well connected by public transport and would require more significant travel to reach in comparison to existing towns and centres. As such, by restricting Green Belt development this encourages development in more sustainable locations such as in existing centres or areas served by public transport. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on building the capacity of transport networks.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. In most cases Green Belt sites will not be well connected by public transport and would require more significant travel to reach in comparison to existing towns and centres. As such, by restricting Green Belt development this encourages development in more sustainable locations such as in existing centres or areas served by active modes or transport or public transport. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on promoting sustainable modes of transport.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. In a number of cases Green Belt sites will be the home to existing wildlife and protected habitats, unique geological features or existing green infrastructure. As such by protecting Green Belt land these features are also protected. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on preventing development on these protected sites.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	+	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	+	-	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	○	○	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	○	○	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	○	○	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	○	○	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	○	○	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	○	○	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. As such, this encourages the redevelopment of brownfield land and derelict properties. The option of no policy would not encourage the reuse of these sites as development might focus on Green Belt land which may be easier and cheaper to develop
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 74: GB2 – Beneficial Use of the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+ / -	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals for beneficial use of the Green Belt. As such, this would increase the number of trips to these Green Belt locations which are often poorly serviced by public transport, however the policy direction seeks to improve access to opportunities for active travel and therefore there is a potential for both negative and positive effects. In order to mitigate this impact it should be encouraged that any Green Belt development should be well serviced by public transport in order to reduce car dependency
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+ / -	+	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+ / -	+	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+ / -	+	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+ / -	+	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	○	○	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals for beneficial use of the Green Belt, including opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Provision of these facilities would encourage people to live a healthier lifestyle. The option of no policy would mean that people would likely not have access to these facilities within the Borough which would have a detrimental impact on provision of health facilities
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+ / -	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals for beneficial use of the Green Belt. As such, this would increase the number of trips to these Green Belt locations which are often poorly serviced by public transport, however the policy direction seeks to improve access to opportunities for active travel and therefore there is a potential for both negative and positive effects. In order to mitigate this impact it should be encouraged that any Green Belt development should be well serviced by public transport in order to reduce car dependency
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+ / -	+	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+ / -	+	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/-	?/+	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to negative impacts in regard to increase in car travel, there may be an indirect negative impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. In order to mitigate this it is suggested that any Green Belt development should be well serviced by public transport in order to reduce car dependency
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/-	?/+	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to support proposals for beneficial use of the Green Belt, including improvements to biodiversity. In a number of cases Green Belt sites will be the home to existing wildlife and protected habitats, unique geological features or existing green infrastructure. As such by protecting Green Belt land these features are also protected. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on preventing development on these protected sites.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	++	-	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	++	-	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	++	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	○	○	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	○	○	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	○	○	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	○	○	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	○	○	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	○	○	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the development of new buildings within the Green Belt will be regarded as inappropriate. By protecting Green Belt sites it in some cases will protect natural greenspaces which can be utilised by the public. The option of no policy would not protect these areas
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 75: GB3 – Conversion and Re-use of Buildings in the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the conversion and re-use of buildings in the Green Belt is not inappropriate. As such derelict buildings have the potential to be brought back into use for residential purposes. The option of no policy would prevent the reuse of these derelict buildings for use as residential dwellings where appropriate
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the conversion and re-use of buildings in the Green Belt is not inappropriate. As such derelict buildings have the potential to be brought back into use for office or other employment purposes. The option of no policy would prevent the reuse of these derelict buildings for use as office or other employment sites where appropriate
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	-	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the conversion and re-use of buildings in the Green Belt is not inappropriate. As such, this would likely increase the number of trips to these Green Belt locations which are often poorly serviced by public and active transport as such would score negatively on this assessment criteria. In order to mitigate this impact it should be encouraged that any building reuse should be well serviced by public transport in order to reduce car dependency
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	-	+	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	-	+	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	-	+	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	-	+	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	-	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the conversion and re-use of buildings in the Green Belt is not inappropriate. As such, this would likely increase the number of trips to these Green Belt locations which are often poorly serviced by public and active transport as such would score negatively on this assessment criteria. In order to mitigate this impact it should be encouraged that any building reuse should be well serviced by public transport in order to reduce car dependency
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	-	+	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	-	+	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/-	?/+	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to negative impacts in regard to increase in car travel, there may be an indirect negative impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. In order to mitigate this it is suggested that any Green Belt development should be well serviced by public transport in order to reduce car dependency
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/-	?/+	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that the conversion and re-use of buildings in the Green Belt is not inappropriate. As such, this encourages the redevelopment derelict properties. The option of no policy would not encourage the reuse of these sites as development might focus meaning these sites would continue to be underutilised
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 76: GB4 – Village Settlements in the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	-	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Green Belt designations should be maintained across the Borough's village settlements. As such this prevents the development of housing on Green Belt sites in villages and as such would score negatively for providing housing. However, no mitigation is suggested for this policy as it would not be considered appropriate to alter this policy given the importance of protecting the Green Belt in village locations
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	-	+	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Green Belt designations should be maintained across the Borough's village settlements. As such this prevents the development of employment sites on Green Belt land in villages and as such would score negatively for providing employment land. However, no mitigation is suggested for this policy as it would not be considered appropriate to alter this policy given the importance of protecting the Green Belt in villages. In addition the policy direction scores highlight for enhancing the viability of the six towns and enhancing business competitiveness as by preventing Green Belt development will encourage the development of brownfield sites, of which many are likely to be located within existing centres. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on enhancing the viability of the towns and enhancing business competitiveness
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Green Belt designations should be maintained across the Borough's village settlements. In most cases Green Belt sites will not be well connected by public transport and would require more significant travel to reach in comparison to existing towns and centres. As such, by restricting Green Belt development in villages this encourages development in more sustainable locations such as in existing centres or areas served by public transport. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on building the capacity of transport networks.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	+	-	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	-	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	o	o	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	o	o	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	o	o	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	o	o	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	+	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Green Belt designations should be maintained across the Borough's village settlements. In most cases Green Belt sites in villages will not be well connected by public transport and would require more significant travel to reach in comparison to existing towns and centres. As such, by restricting Green Belt development in villages this encourages development in more sustainable locations such as in existing centres or areas served by active modes or transport or public transport. The option of no policy would have a negative impact on promoting sustainable modes of transport.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	+	-	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	+	-	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	?/+	?/-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to reducing car travel and improving public transport links, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to reduced concentration of transport links by spreading out development, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	o	o	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	space and natural green space.	Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Green Belt designations should be maintained across the Borough's village settlements. As such, this encourages the redevelopment of brownfield land and derelict properties as Green Belt would not be an option. The option of no policy would not encourage the reuse of these sites as development might focus on Green Belt land which may be easier and cheaper to develop
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	++	-	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 77: GB5 – Agriculture, Forestry and Other Occupational Dwellings in the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	?	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that proposals for new dwellings to support agricultural, forestry and other occupational dwellings will be permitted, but only in very special circumstances. As such, this encourages the development of houses where a requirement is demonstrated. Therefore the policy is both restricting the development of dwellings and encouraging the provision of new dwellings where appropriate.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that proposals for new dwellings to support agricultural, forestry and other occupational dwellings will be permitted, but only in very special circumstances. As such, this is likely to encourage the business development of these farms by facilitating higher productivity. The option for no policy may restrict the productivity of the farm which may require on site accommodation for rural workers
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	?	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that proposals for new dwellings to support agricultural, forestry and other occupational dwellings will be permitted, but only in very special circumstances. As such, this encourages the development of houses where a requirement is demonstrated. Therefore the policy is both restricting the development of dwellings and encouraging the provision of new dwellings where appropriate.
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	?	?	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	?	?	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	?	?	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 78: GB6 – Agricultural Diversification in the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to encourage agricultural diversification within the Green Belt. As such, this is likely to encourage the business development of farms within the Green Belt, which would provide employment opportunities and increase earnings in the farming industry. Some of the potential uses may become a tourist attraction which may have a positive impact on tourism. The option for no policy may restrict the growth and development of the farming industry
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	++	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	+	-	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	+	-	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	?	?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to encourage agricultural diversification within the Green Belt. Depending on in what ways the farms diversify they may encourage more vehicles to visit the farm e.g. a farm shop. As such, there are likely to be impacts on the use of transport, however these are uncertain without additional information.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	?	?	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	?	?	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	?	?	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	?	?	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 79: GB7 – Equestrian Development in the Green Belt

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction aims to recognise that equestrian uses are appropriate in the Green Belt. As such, this is likely to encourage the business development of commercially-based equestrian activities. The option for no policy may restrict the growth and development of these businesses
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	+	-	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	?/+	?/-	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	?/-	?/+	N/A	The policy direction aims to recognise that equestrian uses are appropriate in the Green Belt. These equestrian uses in the Green Belt are likely to be inaccessible via public transport or active transport and as such may encourage car use. Mitigation for this would be to encourage uses where there is sustainable transport links.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	?/-	?/+	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	○	○	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	++	-	N/A	The policy direction aims to recognise that equestrian uses are appropriate in the Green Belt. Equestrian centres encourage recreational horse riding which is beneficial sport for people, improving physical and mental health and wellbeing. The option to have no policy would therefore have detrimental impacts on health.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	?/-	?/+	N/A	The policy direction aims to recognise that equestrian uses are appropriate in the Green Belt. These equestrian uses in the Green Belt are likely to be inaccessible via public transport or active transport and as such may encourage car use. Mitigation for this would be to encourage uses where there is sustainable transport links.
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	?/-	?/+	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	?/-	?/+	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	○	○	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

## B12 Built Heritage

Table 80: BH1 – Conservation Areas

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction seeks to highlight a variety of actions in regard to the Borough's Conservation Areas. The protection or enhancement of historic buildings may have a detrimental impact on improving the energy efficiency of the housing stock, however further information regarding the specific actions would be required to confirm this. Mitigation for this would be to ensure any protection of heritage assets is balanced with the need to create energy efficient buildings.
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	-/?	+/?	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to highlight a variety of actions in regard to the Borough's Conservation Areas. The protection or enhancement of historic buildings may have a detrimental impact on improving the energy efficiency of buildings, however further information regarding the specific actions would be required to confirm this. Mitigation for this would be to ensure any protection of heritage assets is balanced with the need to create energy efficient buildings.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	-/?	+/?	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	○	○	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	○	○	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to highlight a variety of actions in regard to the Borough's Conservation Areas. The policy encouraged the preservation and enhancement of the Borough's Conservation Areas as such this will have a positive impact on conserving and enhancing heritage assets. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for these assets through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection and enhancement.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 81: BH2 – Listed Buildings

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Listed Buildings are safeguarded from works that will have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character. The protection or enhancement of historic buildings may have a detrimental impact on improving the energy efficiency of the housing stock, however further information regarding the specific actions would be required to confirm this. Mitigation for this would be to ensure any protection of Listed Buildings is balanced with the need to create energy efficient houses
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	-/?	+/?	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Listed Buildings are safeguarded from works that will have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character. The protection or enhancement of Listed Buildings may have a detrimental impact on improving the energy efficiency of buildings, however

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	further information regarding the specific actions would be required to confirm this. Mitigation for this would be to ensure any protection of Listed Buildings is balanced with the need to create energy efficient buildings.
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	-/?	+/?	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Listed Buildings are safeguarded from works that will have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character. The policy encourages the protection of Listed Buildings from works, alterations and changes of use that would have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character and features. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for Listed Building through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Listed Buildings are safeguarded from works that will have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character. The policy encourages the protection of Listed Buildings from changes of use that would have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character and features. The option of no policy would mean that Listed Building may be reused with inappropriate uses.
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	○	○	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	○	○	N/A	

Table 82: BH3 – Scheduled Monuments

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that development proposals would not be permitted where they would adversely affect Scheduled Monuments. The policy encourages the protection of Scheduled Monuments from proposals that would have an adverse impact on them or their settings. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for Scheduled Monuments through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 83: BH4 – Historic Parks

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	○	○	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Philips Park, and any future Historic Parks, are protected as Registered Historic Parks of Special Historic Interest. By protecting Historic Park this provides a recreation facility for people to use for walking, cycling and other outdoor recreation. As such, this supports local residents in having a healthier lifestyle. The option of no policy would not protect these Historic Park assets and therefore this recreation facility might be lost.
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	++	-	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	?	?	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	○	○	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	○	○	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+	-	N/A	As the policy would likely lead to beneficial impacts in regard to maintaining and potentially enhancing green infrastructure, there may be an indirect positive impact on air quality, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this. The option of no policy would likely result in negative impacts due to potential loss of green infrastructure, however there is insufficient detail to confirm this
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	○	○	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	+/?	-/?	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Philips Park, and any future Historic Parks, are protected as Registered Historic Parks of Special Historic Interest. By protecting Historic Park this provides a potential site for protected wildlife/habitats which will be maintained and potential enhanced. Green infrastructure provided in this park will be maintained and potentially improved through its protection. The no policy option would not offer this level of protection to the Historic Parks which would likely lead to a detrimental impact in regard to protecting designated wildlife/ habitats if they are present on the site.
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	++	-	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	o	o	N/A	
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Philips Park, and any future Historic Parks, are protected as Registered Historic Parks of Special Historic Interest. The policy encourages the protection of Registered Historic Parks which would conserve and potentially enhance this asset. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for parks as Registered Historic Parks through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Philips Park, and any future Historic Parks, are protected as Registered Historic Parks of Special Historic Interest. The policy encourages the protection of Registered Historic Parks which acts as green infrastructure, open space and greenspace for people to access. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for parks as
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	++	-	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	?	?	N/A	Registered Historic Parks through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection.
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	o	o	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

Table 84: BH5 – Archaeological Features

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect sites of archaeological importance. Sites and artefacts of archaeological importance may have a beneficial impact on tourism depending on what is discovered and how well it is utilised, as such more information would be required to confirm this impact. The no policy option may fail to utilise on the potential tourism benefits that could be gained from archaeology.
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	+/?	-/?	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	o	o	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	o	o	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	The policy direction seeks to protect sites of archaeological importance. As such, this would positively contribute to the assessment criteria for conserving archaeological assets. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for these assets through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection.
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 85: BH6 – Local Non-Designated Heritage Assets

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	○	○	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	○	○	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	○	○	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	○	○	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	○	○	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that Listed Buildings are safeguarded from works that will have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character. The policy encourages the protection of Listed Buildings from works, alterations and changes of use that would have a detrimental impact on their historical or architectural character and features. The option of no policy would mean that there would be no protection for Listed Building through policy which could have a significantly negative impact on their protection.
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	++	-	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	○	○	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	o	o	N/A	The policy direction seeks to ensure that proposals which impact on Locally Listed Buildings are balanced taking into account potential harm and benefits. The policy encourages that proposals for their reuse are balanced with the potential harm caused to the heritage and appearance of the building. The option of no policy would mean that Locally Listed Buildings may be reused with inappropriate uses.
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	++	-	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	o	o	N/A	

## B13 Infrastructure

Table 86: IN1 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Infrastructure

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	○	○	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	○	○	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	○	○	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	○	○	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	○	○	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	○	○	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	○	○	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	○	○	N/A	This policy direction seeks to support the development of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure. It would have a positive effect on the utilities infrastructure, coupled with the rest of the policy directions in this chapter.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	○	○	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	○	○	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	+	○	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	○	○	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	○	○	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	○	○	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to support the development of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure. It would have a positive effect on the air quality in Bury, as low carbon energy emits less pollution than traditional energy sources. The no policy option would have a negative effect as there would be no clear guidance on the development of low carbon technologies which help reduce emissions.
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	+	-	N/A	This policy direction seeks to support development of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure. It therefore strongly and directly aligns with this objective. Alternatively, the no policy option would have a negative effect upon this objective because there would be no clear guidance on the development of renewable and low carbon energy infrastructure.
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	++	--	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	+	-	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	+	-	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 87: IN2 – Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking)

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	This policy direction sets out that fracking will not be permitted. This is expected to have positive effects against this objective as fracking is not a renewable source of energy and fracking not being undertaken will allow other renewable energy sources to be utilised. However, the no policy option would have a very

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	+	--	N/A	negative effect against this objective, as lack of guidance in regard to fracking would allow operations to take place with unmanaged impacts.
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	+	--	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	+	--	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	o	o	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	o	o	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	o	o	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	o	o	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	o	o	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 88: IN3 – Digital and Communications Infrastructure

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction supports the provision of enhanced electronic communications infrastructure and therefore has a directly positive effect on ensuring the digital infrastructure can support development. The no policy option would have a strongly negative effect as there would be no guidance on the provision of digital and communications infrastructure without a policy in place.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	++	--	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Table 89: IN4 – Public Utilities Infrastructure

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
1	Provide a sustainable supply of housing including an appropriate mix of types and tenures to reflect needs	Ensure an appropriate quantity of housing land?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply an appropriate mix of types and tenures of properties in relation to the respective level of demand?	o	o	N/A	
		Supply sufficient affordable homes?	o	o	N/A	
		Support improvements in the energy efficiency of housing stock?	o	o	N/A	
		Meet the identified needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople?	o	o	N/A	
2	Promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	Provide or contribute to a balanced portfolio of employment sites?	o	o	N/A	
		Maintain and enhance the viability of the Borough's six towns?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve business development and enhance competitiveness?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage inward investment?	o	o	N/A	
		Encourage tourism development?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce unemployment levels, particularly in areas of high employment deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Help to improve earnings?	o	o	N/A	
3	Ensure that there is sufficient coverage and capacity of transport and utilities to support growth and development	Reduce traffic volumes/miles travelled by motor vehicles?	o	o	N/A	This policy direction supports the development of operational facilities for public utility provision and therefore has a directly positive effect on ensuring the utilities infrastructure can support development. The no policy option would have a strongly negative effect as there would be no guidance on the provision of utilities infrastructure without a policy in place.
		Increase the proportion of journeys using modes other than the car?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that the transport network can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	o	o	N/A	
		Improve transport connectivity?	o	o	N/A	
		Ensure that utilities/digital infrastructure can support and enable the anticipated scale and spatial distribution of development?	++	--	N/A	
4	Reduce levels of deprivation, disparity, crime and the fear of crime	Reduce the proportion of people living in deprivation?	o	o	N/A	
		Reduce the potential for crime?	o	o	N/A	
		Promote design that discourages crime?	o	o	N/A	
5	Promote equality of opportunity and the elimination of discrimination	Foster good relations between different people?	o	o	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Ensure equality of opportunity and equal access to facilities/infrastructure for all?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure no discrimination based on 'protected characteristics', as defined in the Equality Act 2010?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
6	Support improved health and wellbeing of the population and reduce health inequalities	Improve access to high quality health facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support healthier lifestyles e.g. provide more opportunities for physical activity, reduce car dependency and encourage walking and cycling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Reduce health inequalities within the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
7	Support improved educational attainment and skill level for all	Improve education levels of children in the area, regardless of their background?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Improve educational and skill levels of the population of working age?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it provide access to work experience, apprenticeships and training, especially for young people?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure sufficient access to educational facilities for all children?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
8	Promote sustainable modes of transport	Reduce the need to travel and promote efficient patterns of movement?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote a safe and sustainable public transport network that reduces reliance on private motor vehicles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support the provision and use of sustainable and active modes of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
9	Improve air quality	Improve air quality within the Borough, particularly, in the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it reduce the number of journeys made by private car in order to reduce the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in areas of traffic congestion in the Borough?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
10	Protect and enhance current levels of biodiversity and geodiversity.	Protect designated wildlife sites, wildlife corridors, protected species and their habitats, aiming for no net loss in biodiversity?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Provide opportunities to develop or enhance new and existing wildlife sites?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Avoid destruction of important or unique geological features?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Maintain and improve provision of green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
11	Ensure communities, developments and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of expected climate change	Ensure that communities, existing and new developments and infrastructure systems are resilient to the predicted effects of climate change across GM, including through the creation of Green infrastructure?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
		Support the take up of renewable/ low carbon technologies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage reduction in energy use and increased energy efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Minimise greenhouse gas emissions?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
12	Reduce the risk of flooding to people and property	Restrict the development of property in areas of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure adequate measures are in place to manage existing flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure that development does not increase flood risk due to increased run off rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage sustainable urban drainage systems are incorporated into the design of new development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Ensure development is appropriately future proofed to accommodate future levels of flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the inclusion of new green spaces and habitat creation to help mitigate flood risk?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
13	Protect and improve the quality and availability of water resources	Encourage compliance with the WFD?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote management practices that will protect water features from pollution?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
14	Protect and make accessible for enjoyment the Borough's landscape, townscape cultural heritage and historic environment.	Improve the landscape quality and the character of open spaces and the public realm?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Conserve and enhance heritage and cultural assets in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Respect, maintain and strengthen local character and distinctiveness in both urban and rural areas?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
15	Ensure access to and protection and enhancement of high quality public open space and natural green space.	Ensure that all people have access to public open space within reasonable walking distance from where they live?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it promote access to green infrastructure such as natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Will it create new areas of open space and natural greenspace?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
16		Focus development on previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	

Ref	Objective	Assessment criteria....will the Local Plan:	Policy Direction	No Policy Option	Alternative Policy Option	Comment / Mitigation
	Improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and buildings whilst reducing land contamination	Protect the best and most versatile agricultural land/soil resources from inappropriate development?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Encourage the redevelopment of derelict land and properties, returning them to appropriate uses?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Support reductions in land contamination through the use of previously developed land?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
17	Promote sustainable consumption of resources and support the implementation of the waste hierarchy.	Support the sustainable use of physical resources?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote movement up the waste hierarchy?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	
		Promote reduced waste generation rates?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	N/A	



## Equality Analysis Form

The following questions will document the effect of your service or proposed policy, procedure, working practice, strategy or decision (hereafter referred to as 'policy') on equality, and demonstrate that you have paid due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

### 1. RESPONSIBILITY

<b>Department</b>	Resources and Regulation	
<b>Service</b>	Strategic Planning and Economic Development	
<b>Proposed policy</b>	Bury Local Plan – Policy Directions	
<b>Date</b>	21 September 2018	
<b>Officer responsible for the 'policy' and for completing the equality analysis</b>	<b>Name</b>	David Wiggins
	<b>Post Title</b>	Unit Manager: Development Planning
	<b>Contact Number</b>	0161 253 5282
	<b>Signature</b>	<i>D. Wiggins</i>
	<b>Date</b>	21 September 2018
<b>Equality officer consulted</b>	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Post Title</b>	
	<b>Contact Number</b>	
	<b>Signature</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	

### 2. AIMS

<b>What is the purpose of the policy/service and what is it intended to achieve?</b>	The purpose of the Local Plan will be to guide the future use and development of land in the Borough up to 2037.
<b>Who are the main stakeholders?</b>	The main stakeholders involved in the Local Plan are local residents, developers, land owners, businesses, planning and development consultants, infrastructure providers, interest groups and representative bodies.

**3. ESTABLISHING RELEVANCE TO EQUALITY**

**3a. Using the drop down lists below, please advise whether the policy/service has either a positive or negative effect on any groups of people with protected equality characteristics. If you answer yes to any question, please also explain why and how that group of people will be affected.**

<b>Protected equality characteristic</b>	<b>Positive effect (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Negative effect (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Race	No	No	The Local Plan is likely to include a policy designed to ensure that the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople are met.
Disability	No	No	The Local Plan is likely to include policies for ensuring that the needs of people with mobility difficulties are taken into account in determining proposals for new development as well as ensuring that provision is made for housing for people with special needs.
Gender	No	No	
Gender reassignment	No	No	
Age	No	No	The Local Plan is likely to include a policy designed to ensure that provision is made for housing for people with special needs, including the elderly.
Sexual orientation	No	No	
Religion or belief	No	No	
Caring responsibilities	No	No	
Pregnancy or maternity	No	No	
Marriage or civil partnership	No	No	

**3b. Using the drop down lists below, please advise whether or not our policy/service has relevance to the Public Sector Equality Duty. If you answer yes to any question, please explain why.**

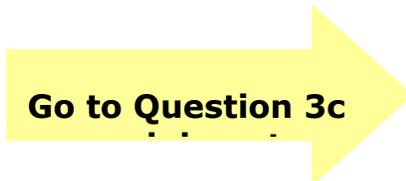
General Public Sector Equality Duties	Relevance (Yes/No)	Reason for the relevance
Need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010	No	
Need to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (eg. by removing or minimising disadvantages or meeting needs)	Yes	The Local Plan is likely to include policies that are specifically designed to make provision for special needs housing, including housing for the elderly as well as meeting the needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople.
Need to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (eg. by tackling prejudice or promoting understanding)	No	

**If you answered**



**Go straight to**

**If you answered**



**Go to Question 3c**

**3c. If you have answered 'No' to all the questions in 3a and 3b please explain why you feel that your policy/service has no relevance to equality.**

**4. EQUALITY INFORMATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

**4a.** For a service plan, please list what equality information you currently have available, **OR** for a new/changed policy or practice please list what equality information you considered and engagement you have carried out in relation to it.

Please provide a link if the information is published on the web and advise when it was last updated?

(NB. Equality information can be both qualitative and quantitative. It includes knowledge of service users, satisfaction rates, compliments and complaints, the results of surveys or other engagement activities and should be broken down by equality characteristics where relevant.)

<b>Details of the equality information or engagement</b>	<b>Internet link if published</b>	<b>Date last updated</b>
The evidence supporting the Local Plan is subject to regular and on-going monitoring to ensure that the policy framework is appropriate and relevant.		On-going
The Local Plan will be subject to numerous consultation exercises throughout its preparation and stakeholders will have the opportunity for continued engagement until the Plan is adopted.		On-going

**4b.** Are there any information gaps, and if so how do you plan to tackle them?

No

## 5. CONCLUSIONS OF THE EQUALITY ANALYSIS

<p><b>What will the likely overall effect of your policy/service plan be on equality?</b></p>	<p>Positive</p>
<p><b>If you identified any negative effects (see questions 3a) or discrimination what measures have you put in place to remove or mitigate them?</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Have you identified any further ways that you can advance equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations? If so, please give details.</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>What steps do you intend to take now in respect of the implementation of your policy/service plan?</b></p>	<p>Once adopted, the policies within the Local Plan will be used to determine planning applications for new development.</p>

## 6. MONITORING AND REVIEW

**If you intend to proceed with your policy/service plan, please detail what monitoring arrangements (if appropriate) you will put in place to monitor the ongoing effects. Please also state when the policy/service plan will be reviewed.**

The Local Plan will be continually monitored in order to determine the effectiveness of its policies.

**COPIES OF THIS EQUALITY ANALYSIS FORM SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO ANY REPORTS/SERVICE PLANS AND ALSO SENT TO THE EQUALITY INBOX ([equality@bury.gov.uk](mailto:equality@bury.gov.uk)) FOR PUBLICATION.**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GM COMBINED AUTHORITY  
HELD 27 JULY 2018 AT ROCHDALE COUNCIL OFFICES**

**PRESENT:**

GM Mayor	Andy Burnham
Bolton	Councillor Ebrahim Adia
Bury	Councillor Rishi Shori
Manchester	Councillor Richard Leese
Oldham	Councillor Sean Fielding
Rochdale	Councillor Allen Brett
Salford	City Mayor Paul Dennett
Stockport	Councillor Alex Ganotis
Tameside	Councillor Brenda Warrington
Trafford	Councillor Andrew Western
Wigan	Councillor David Molyneux

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

TfGMC	Councillor Mark Aldred
Bury	Councillor Andrea Simpson
Manchester	Councillor Angeliki Stogia
Rochdale	Councillor Sara Rowbotham
Rochdale	Councillor Michael Holly
Salford	Councillor Paula Boshell
Stockport	Councillor Wendy Wild
Wigan	Councillor Jenny Bullen
Wigan	Lord Peter Smith

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

GMCA Chief Executive	Eamonn Boylan
GMCA Deputy Chief Executive	Andrew Lightfoot
GMCA Monitoring Officer	Liz Treacy
GMCA Treasurer	Richard Paver
Office of the GM Mayor	Kevin Lee

Bolton	Sue Johnson
Bury	Geoff Little
Oldham	Carolyn Wilkins
Manchester	Joanne Roney
Rochdale	Steve Rumbelow
Salford	Ben Dolan
Stockport	Lauren Donnan

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**TAMESIDE**

**TRAFFORD**  
**WIGAN**

Tameside	Sandra Stewart
Trafford	Nickki Bishop
Wigan	Donna Hall
TfGM	Jon Lamonte
GMP	Ian Piling
GMFRS	Dawn Docx
GMCA	Sylvia Welsh
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
GMCA	Nicola Ward
Cooperative Councils	Nicola Huckleby
Innovation Network	Councillor Sharon Taylor

## **GMCA 150/18            APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Tony Oakman (Bolton), Jim Taylor (Salford), Pam Smith (Stockport), Steve Pleasant (Tameside) and Ian Hopkins (GM Police).

## **GMCA 151/18            CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS**

The Mayor of GM made two announcements:

- i) GM has been shortlisted for the potential location for Channel 4 base, alongside Birmingham and Leeds and thanked the Channel 4 Board and congratulated GM team who have been working on the proposition.
- ii) His recent appointment as President of the Rugby Football League and will use the position to promote the sport in GM and welcomed the relocation of the Rugby Football League Head Quarters to GM. He also would ensure that GM would play a major role in hosting the Rugby League World Cup 2021.

## **GMCA 152/18            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Councillor Brenda Warrington declared a personal interest in Item 30 (Waste Disposal Contract & Pension Arrangements for Contractor Staff) as the Chair of the GM Pension Fund Board.
2. City Mayor Paul Dennett disclosed a personal interest in Item 23b (GMCA Revenue Budget) as a Director of the Growth Company.
3. Councillor Ebrahim Edia disclosed a personal interest in Item 23b (GMCA Revenue Budget) as a Director of the Growth Company.
4. Councillor Richard Leese disclosed a personal interest in Item 23b (GMCA Revenue Budget) as a Director of the Growth Company.

**GMCA 153/18                    MINUTES OF GMCA ANNUAL AND ORDINARY MEETINGS  
HELD ON 29 JUNE 2018**

The minutes of the GMCA Annual and Ordinary meetings held on the 29 June 2018 were submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GMCA Annual and Ordinary Meetings held on the 29 June 2018 be approved, subject to the addition of Councillor Andrea Simpson to the list of attendees.

**GMCA 154/18                    GMCA APPOINTMENTS**

**RESOLVED /-**

**a) GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee**

- i. That the nomination of Councillor Alison Gwynne, Tameside (Labour), as the Chair of the Waste & Recycling Committee for 2018/19 be approved.
- ii. That the appointment of Councillor Robin Garrido, Salford (Conservative), as a member of the GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee be approved.

**b) GMCA Audit Committee**

That Councillors James Grundy (Wigan) (Conservative) and Susan Haworth (Bolton) (Labour) be appointed as substitute members to the GMCA Audit Committee.

**c) GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee substitutes Pool**

That the appointment of Councillors Clint Phythion (Oldham) (Labour) and Ari Leitner (Salford) (Conservative) to the GMCA Overview & Scrutiny Committee pool of substitute members be approved.

**GMCA 155/18                    TRANSPORT FOR GM COMMITTEE MINUTES – 13 JULY 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the Transport for GM Committee held 13 July 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 156/18                    GM LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP – 16 JULY 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership held 16 July 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 157/17**

**GMCA WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE – 12 JULY 2018**

**RESOLVED /-**

That the minutes of the GM Waste and Recycling Committee held 12 July 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 158/18**

**GMCA OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – MINUTES: JULY 2018**

**a) Housing, Planning and Environment – 12 July 2018**

That the minutes of the Housing Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 July 2018 be noted.

**b) Economy, Business Growth & Skills – 13 July 2018**

That the minutes of the Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 July 2018 be noted.

**GMCA 159/18**

**FIRE SERVICE UPDATE**

The Mayor of GM prefaced the discussion the of the report by informing the GMCA that he, and the Deputy Mayor, Beverley Hughes had recently visited GM Fire and Rescue Training Centre following the publication of the Kerslake report and the commissioned route and branch review of the GM Fire and Rescue Service. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have also visited 37 fire stations across GM in order to have an open discussion with frontline staff, which was the beginning of a process of change of the service, recognising that the publication of the Kerslake report was difficult for service.

This week frontline staff and the supporting teams have been thanked for the outstanding work undertaken on Saddleworth Moor, Winter Hill, supporting Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. The incidents have been handled with great skill, dedication and professionalism, bringing back to the public the strength and value of the frontline service provided by GMRFS, which can now provide the building blocks for a stronger future. He commented that the recent visits to engage with staff had been time well spent in beginning a process of change within the Fire Service.

Beverley Hughes, Deputy Mayor for Police, Crime and Fire introduced a report, tabled at the meeting, to reflect very late developments, including securing formal agreement from the Fire Brigade Union for some of the changes to be announced at this meeting.

The report confirmed the recent appointment of Jim Wallace, a the Chief Fire Officer of GM Fire and Rescue Service, bringing his experience of overseeing a similar transformation programme in Northern Ireland and previously worked in Scotland to bring together a range of separate fire services under a single service for Scotland.

The report summarised briefly the approach taken and the progress achieved so far. The Fire Station visits have provided insight into the issues in the Fire Service at a level of detail which was being fed into the work programme for the programme board, in addition it was building support for the process for change. There were some changes which could be implemented early quickly, rather than wait for the all the meetings to be held.

The report also included a governance structure, with the Programme Board chaired by the GMCA Chief Executive, which feeds into a Steering Group consists of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, for Police, Crime and Fire.

There were six work streams to cover a range of issues, including;

- the operating model
- emergency and response
- prevention
- fire prevention
- protection
- business support
- organisation leadership and cultural

There were a number of welcomed changes which were already being implemented including the extension of the budget underspend to cover overtime costs, an accelerated recruitment programme to address current vacancies and a new shift pattern and annual leave policy.

The visits have also highlighted a number of serious and practical issues to be addressed, including conditions at a number of fire stations including the introduction of a programme of work to ensure there were facilities female staff and compliance with health and safety issues.

A staff reference group has been established to sit alongside the Programme Board to ensure the programme of change informs and reflects those officers on the front line and all staff.

Members were advised that Wigan Fire Service were an instrumental in the place based teams in Wigan and suggested consideration be given to place based working

as part of the organisation development programme so that all statins were connected into their respective place based teams.

On behalf of the GMCA, the Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for leading the work undertaken following the Kerslake report and reiterated the culture of frontline services first.

The Mayor welcomed the appointment of Jim Wallace, the new Chief Fire Officer and paid tribute to Dawn Docx, who served as Interim Chief Fire Officer in the period throughout the Kerslake report, recognising the difficult periods since her appointment.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the programme approach, scope and associated workstreams to the whole service review of GM Fire & Rescue Service be noted.
2. That it be noted that the appointment of the new Chief Fire Officer, Jim Wallace, was also confirmed this week at an organisational briefing on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
3. That Jim Wallace, as the incoming Chief Fire Officer be welcomed and that Dawn Docx, Interim Fire Officer, be thanked for her dedication and great leadership through a particularly difficult times for the Fire Service.

### **GMCA 160/18**

### **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE – BI-MONTHLY UPDATE**

Councillor Peter Smith, Portfolio Lead for Healthy Lives & Quality Care, introduced a report which set out the key developments in GM health and social care over the last two months.

Members were reminded that the Health and Social Care Partnership was now in the 3rd year of the 5 year programme of devolution following Taking Charge, with the Autumn Comprehensive Spending Review providing an opportunity to re-examine the current operating model to ensure its robustness and its implementation across localities.

Some patients were still experiencing late cancer diagnosis, and the importance of a robust cancer strategy to reduce these numbers and drive the agenda forward.

Funding for digital solutions would be limited and there may be need to be consideration of innovative alternative funding support via local authorities going forward.

System performance has also been challenged through the winter pressures, and the hot weather had equally adversely affected the elderly population. The system focussed on treating people when they were ill rather than prevention.

Following the announcement of the successful bid for funding from Sport England, work was underway with the Cycling and Walking Team to increase and encourage population activity.

The Health and Care Partnership recently received a moving presentation on the Learning Disability Strategy, developed by individuals with learning disabilities which highlighted that only 3% of adults with learning disabilities in GM were in employment, compared to a national figure of 7%. This was an area that Councillor Peter Smith would be taking a personal interest in, to work alongside Councillor Sean Fielding as Portfolio Holder for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships to bring about change.

Work on improving mental health services for young people remained a key priority, alongside developing joint strategies for adult social care. A meeting of portfolio leads for Adult Social Care from across GM was to be arranged in the near future.

Progress of the review of Theme 3, Acute Sector model was underway. There needs to be an improvement in hospital services across GM. It was proposed that the Joint Commissioning Board going forward would be more politically lead going forward.

The Mayor reminded members that the launch of National Health Service in 1948 was commemorated this month and highlighted the progress in moving forward the structural back office changes which will enable the health service to move forward in an integrated direction.

The Mayor drew members attention to the schools based pilot for children's mental health support and requested an update on the finding from the pilot to a future meeting of the GMCA.

He also highlighted the clear connection between housing and health, in particular the health implications, both physical and mental, for those sleeping rough on the streets.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the key developments in GM Health and Social Care over the last two months be noted.
2. That an update on the findings of the schools based pilot for the children's mental health support be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.

3. That the leadership of Lord Peter Smith, as GMCA Portfolio Holder for Healthy Lives & Quality Care, and Councillor Sean Fielding as GMCA Portfolio Holder for Skills, Employment and Apprenticeships, to ensure that adults with learning disabilities have the opportunity to access employment and improve the current levels of employment at only 3%, be welcomed.
4. That Councillor Peter Smith, Jon Rouse and the GM Health & Social Care Partnership Team be thanked for the progress of work to date.

## **GMCA 161/18            GM SPATIAL FRAMEWORK TIMETABLE**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, introduced a report providing members with an update on the proposed timetable for the GM Spatial Framework (GMSF) following the recent decision of the GMCA to delay the consultation until October 2018.

In response to the Mayor's comments it was confirmed that the role of supported housing/accommodation was critical to the work of the GMSF and the work of the Local Authorities in terms of the respective local plans and the forthcoming Housing Strategy for GM.

Members were reminded that the sub national population projections have predicted slower growth across GM, sub-national housing projections were still to be published in September 2018. This information would be vital to understand the housing need across GM, and for the methodology underpinning the GMSF and Local Plans.

Following approval of the draft consultation in October 2018, there will be a 12 weeks consultation between November-January 2019, with the draft Plan approved in July 2019, with further consultation/representation between August and October 2019. The submission plan was due to be approved in December 2019/January 2020, with examination in public over the Summer of 2020. Final publication was to be in Winter 2020/21.

In response to the issues raised during the first consultation, more emphasis was to be placed on engagement and communication with stakeholders and Citizen Space have been engaged to provide an online platform to enable this consultation to be more accessible across all mobile devices and an improved user experience.

Members of the GMCA welcomed this improved mechanisms for consultation and the opportunity to widen opportunities for conversations with stakeholders.

**RESOLVED /-**

That the move from the Joint Development Plan Process, (the current position) to a Spatial Development Strategy, subject to the relevant Regulations being in place, be agreed, in principle.

## **GMCA 162/18            GM LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for the Economy, introduced a report which provided members with an overview of the process to develop the GM Industrial Strategy and progress to date, including an update on the bidding process for the recently announced Strength in Places fund.

Members were reminded that Government agreed that GM would pilot a Local Industrial strategy to sit alongside the National Industrial Strategy, was based on the five foundations and four grand challenges which were mirrored in the Local Industrial Strategy. The four grand challenges were all important to GM and the five foundations were all contained within the GM Strategy. The Strategy was intended to be long term to 2030, to be reviewed regularly, providing the opportunity to set out how and what will be required to grow the economy. A joint statement, with Government, was due to be released imminently which sets out progress to date and identifies two of the grand challenges; Ageing Society and Clean Growth, particular energy related to clean growth where early progress can be made ahead of the final Local Industrial Strategy, which was due February 2019.

Major piece of work was underway to gather evidence for the Independent Advisory Panel to review.

On 25 July 2018, the University of Manchester submitted a bid to the Strength in Places Fund based on health innovation and advanced materials.

Members welcomed the report and the urged that engagement across all higher education institutions and relevant industries around health innovation and advanced materials and digital playing to GM's key assets.

Members were assured that the bid submitted by the University of Manchester was on behalf of a consortium, including Manchester Metropolitan University and a range of other key stakeholders.

In conclusion the Mayor confirmed that this was a good opportunity for GM to set a clear direction for the growth of the economy and industry over the next decade. GM was in a strong and unique position to progress the work on health and the green economy, notwithstanding that the strategy must start with the greatest asset of our people, and that the employment charter should be at the heart of the Local Industrial Strategy.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Richard Leese for the work undertaken to date and the work that Dame Nance Rothwell had undertaken to facilitate the collaborative work of the Manchester Universities.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That progress to date on developing the GM Local Industrial Strategy be noted.
2. That the approach and progress to date to develop the strong GM bid to the Strength in Places Fund, submitted on 25 July, on behalf of GM and its partners by the University of Manchester, based on health innovation and advanced materials be noted.
3. That thanks be recorded to Councillor Richard Leese, University of Manchester, Dame Nancy Rothwell in particular, for the work undertaken to date in bringing the Universities and business community together.

## **GMCA 163/18            BREXIT MONITOR MONTHLY UPDATE**

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for the Economy, introduced a report which updated members on the key economic and policy developments of relevance to GM in relation to the UK's decision to leave the European Union.

Members were reminded that since the last report the Government had produced a White Paper regarding the United Kingdom's relationship with the European Union which did not address detailed information on the free movement of people.

There was still some uncertainty regarding budgets post 2021 when the UK officially leaves the European Union although there would be some funding programmes which the UK will be able to opt in to should we desire. It is still not clear what will replace the European Structural Fund, although it was expected that GM would receive a significant amount of funding to replace the lost funding through the Shared Prosperity Fund. Details of the Shared Prosperity Fund were still awaited, although it was understood that Government were proposing to issue a consultation paper in September 2018. It was important that details of the proposals regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund were available as soon as possible. GM's aspiration was to access Shared Prosperity Funds based on the existing levels of European Structural Funding devolved to GM and needed to be long term funding, not short term challenge funds.

The other impact to be considered was the impact of 'No deal' on the ability to travel around the world, 'open sky' policy were dependent upon Europe, both 'open sky' policy within Europe and bi-lateral agreement with other parts of the world. There does need to be very clear agreement about how 'open sky' policy will operate to ensure there was no impact on the economy.

Members were reminded that it had been some time since the GMCA's policy on Brexit had been reviewed and it was suggested that the review, together with guidance and advice on resilience for all GM public bodies, in advance of the

Parliamentary Vote on Brexit, be undertaken with a view submitting a report to the GMCA on 28 September 2018.

The Mayor clarified that the level of funding for GM must reflect the level of European funding plus match funding from the UK Government and needed to be multi-year and flexible. The Mayor also assured members he would be more direct with Government around funding.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the report and the publication by the European Commission of their proposed EU Budget for 2021-27 be noted.
2. That a review of the GMCA's policy position on Brexit, together with guidance and advice for all GM public bodies in advance of the Parliamentary Vote on Brexit, be undertaken with a view submitting a report to the GMCA on 28 September 2018.
3. That it be noted that The Mayor of GM would be making representations to Government on behalf of the GMCA regarding the clear requirement for GM's Shared Prosperity Funding level to be retained at the current level of approximately £100M.

## **GMCA 164/18 THE ROLE OF CO-OPERATIVES**

Councillor Allen Brett, Portfolio Lead for Community Cooperatives and Inclusion, introduced a report setting out the proposals for a range of actions intended to help promote the use of co-operative principles across GM, together with proposed membership of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network and the establishment of a Co-operative Commission for GM.

Councillor Sharon Taylor, Chair of the Cooperative Councils Innovation Network, and Nicola Huckelby, Chief Executive, were welcomed to the meeting.

Councillor Sharon Taylor reported that the Innovation Network had gone from strength to strength and welcomed GM to the network.

The Mayor reminded the meeting that he was the Labour and Co-operative Mayor for GM added that he was pleased that the GMCA will be working with the Innovation Network.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Allen Brett for the leadership he and Rochdale Council, together with Oldham, Salford and reiterating that the agenda linked across many of the key priorities in the GM Strategy.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the proposal for GMCA to join the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network be approved.
2. That the proposal to establish a Co-operative Commission for GM be approved.

## **GMCA 165/18            GREEN SUMMIT SPRINGBOARD**

Councillor Alex Ganotis, Portfolio Lead for the Green City Region, introduced the springboard report arising from the successful delivery of the GM Green Summit, which summarised the work leading up to this event, reviewed the summit itself and the outcomes arising from it.

It was recognised that the target for GM to be carbon neutral by 2038 was ambitious, but achievable and was crucial to meet the aspirations of residents to ensure they remained healthy, protect jobs of the future.

A city wide model for GM has been developed for attaining carbon neutrality and the steps required.

Three broad policy areas have been identified in the Springboard document:

- The work currently underway to reduce carbon emissions
- The key announcements made at the Green Summit in terms of what the agenda will deliver over the next 12 months
- Further work to develop the remaining policies and initiatives to achieve the target

The next Green Summit will be held on 25 March 2019 at the Lowry. The event will formally set out the target for carbon neutrality and action plan to support the five year plan. The approach will be based on technology and evidenced to be reviewed every five years to take account of changes in technology.

Six key workstreams have been established:

- Energy
- Buildings
- Transport
- Sustainable consumptions
- Natural capital
- Education, skills & engagement

It was reiterated that this was a partnership approach, the GMCA would not be able to stand alone, business and individuals were paramount to delivery.

Members welcomed the report, and thanked officers for their work to date on this agenda, in particular the Green Summit Steering Group, and Mark Atherton, Assistant Director of Environment at the GMCA.

Councillor Brenda Warrington, Leader of Tameside Council, welcomed the report and advised that Tameside Council would be holding their own mini green summit bringing together partners to discuss carbon issues at a local level.

As Chair of the GM Pension Fund, Councillor Brenda Warrington advised that following the Green Summit, the Pension Fund has been lobbied regarding the fund policy to ensure the Fund was a responsible investor. The meeting was also advised that the Fund had received a letter from Mary Creagh, MP, Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, advising that she had published the Fund's response to the Committee regarding the steps the Pension Fund had undertaken to manage the risks that climate change posed to UK pension investments and recognised level of standard of engagement and commitment to report on climate change risks to the Fund. Climate risk have also been reflected in the latest Pension Fund Annual Report.

Councillor Alex Ganotis confirmed he would be speaking at the Tameside Green Summit and welcomed the approach of the Pension Fund to low carbon investment. He added that the agenda was about investing in growth sectors and energy networks of the future, new ways of construction, sustainable transport facilities, serving both the economic needs of GM and reducing the number of cars on the road.

Members also reiterated the need to ensure the work was not seen in isolation recognising that there were linkages across all the portfolios, drawing specific attention to clean growth and should be reflected in all aspirations to grow the economy. The development of the five year plan was welcomed, with one of the challenges was how to scale up the agenda. Changes in the construction industry, in particular the modular build construction and the role of the green agenda.

The Mayor of GM added that decarbonisation and digitalisation were two of the greatest forces for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy that GM should be a leader in those areas and was integral to all future policy development. He also encouraged other local authorities to hold their own individual Green Summits.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the draft Springboard Report be agreed for publication and launch at the rise of the GMCA meeting.

2. That the proposed next steps, and the date of the planned future Green Summit, to be held on 25 March 2019 at the Lowry, be noted.
3. That thanks be recorded to all GMCA officers and partners, Green Summit Steering Group and Mark Atherton be recorded.
4. That the letter Mary Creagh MP, from the Chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, to the GM Pension Fund regarding climate related financial disclosures be noted.

## **GMCA 166/18            FULL FIBRE PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Councillor Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead for Digital, introduced a report which set out the financial implications for the Full Fibre Programme including refined indicative capital funding requirements for Local Authorities and confirming both project and programme arrangements.

GM had been successful in securing £23.8m capital funding from the Local Full Fibre Network Challenge Fund. The plan was to connect up to 1500 public sector buildings across GM and hopefully act as a catalyst for other businesses to improve their broadband network. GM's ambition is to improve coverage from 2% to 25% by 2020 which would see GM moving towards coverage enjoyed by other European cities.

The Mayor added that the Digital Summit enabled GM to position itself in successfully bidding for capital funds. This also provided opportunities for the private sector in all ten local authorities to piggyback onto the investment going for full fibre into public premises and some thought needed to be given to maximising those opportunities.

Councillor Andrew Western thanked the previous portfolio holders and Phil Swan together with the GMCA team, for the work to date to progress the agenda.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the indicative locality capital requirements required to maximise Government Local Full Fibre Network Funding, as set out in the report, be noted.
2. That it be confirmed that the indicative site numbers and local capital requirements would be presented to the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DDCMS) to secure a conditional Grant offer letter by the end of July.
3. That the requirement to secure local agreement for budget approvals prior to entry into an agreement with the GMCA, to facilitate draw down of the grant, be noted.

4. That the release of £1.5m from the business rates reserve to fund programme management costs be agreed.
5. That it be noted that funding for Fire & Rescue elements would be presented for consideration once costs were finalised.
6. That it be noted that there were a number of finance considerations to be resolved with Health colleagues.
7. That thanks be recorded to the former portfolio leaders (Councillors Sean Anstee and Richard Farnell) and Phil Swan and the GMCA team for the work undertaken in progressing Full Fibre work programme.

## **GMCA 167/18            NORTHERN & TRANSPENNINE RAIL PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Mayor of GM introduced a report which provided an update on the performance and the delivery of franchise commitments for train operating companies Arriva Rail North (trading as Northern) and TransPennine Express.

Members were advised that the emergency timetable had not improved service standards, with passenger across GM continuing to receive an unacceptably poor level of service; Northern performance recording a decline in performance down to 77% PPM (public performance measure) figure, with a growing trend towards an increase the short forming of trains. There have been reports of overcrowded platforms at stations across GM, with passenger unable to access overcrowded trains. TransPennine performance was recording a decline down to 71%, compared to 91% last year. The lack of improvement signified fundamental problems on the railways that was not just regarding timetables. National Rail have failed to diagnose or provide solutions to the issues. The Transport Secretary recently stated that rail services in the North was a top priority, yet there has been little evidence of any intervention that would help to address the issues.

It was confirmed that the issues had been discussed with operators at the Mayor Transport Board and operators were unable to provide any satisfactory response to the issues raised regarding the continued poor performance. It was evident that there were capacity issues on the rail network on the Castlefield, Oxford Road and Piccadilly area, with upgrades to the corridor postponed by the Transport Secretary a year ago. The travelling public deserve a reliable service that meets consistent standards and that he would continue to lobby for action on this matter through Transport for the North.

Councillor Richard Leese informed members that operators and Network Rail had provided vague responses to the performance issues raised. The Northern Hub comprised three main elements; Ordsall Chord, longer platforms at Oxford Road; and additional Platforms 15 and 16 at Piccadilly Rail Station. The results of the Public Enquiry for both Oxford Road and Piccadilly have still not been released from 2015/16. During discussions at the Mayoral Transport Board it was reported that operators had been attempting to operate 15 trains per hour as part of the May timetable through the Castlefield Corridor, which could only be accommodated if the necessary works at both Piccadilly and Oxford Road had been undertaken, demonstrating clearly that this work now needs to be progressed.

Members of the GMCA called for a letter, to be signed by all ten Leaders of the GM Local Authorities, to be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport reminding him that he had identified the necessary works at both Piccadilly and Oxford Road Rail Station were a priority a year ago and that a resolution was needed to address the current issues as soon as possible.

Members were reminded that funding had been made available for Cross Rail Services suggesting that there differential standards being applied to transport provision in the North.

Members highlighting the continued issues for rail passengers in and around GM, including the wider impact on air quality, congestion and access to work. Residents across GM were frustrated with the service provision which not meet 21<sup>st</sup> century standards in cleanliness, reliability and a seven day timetable that offers excellent commuting and leisure travel.

The meeting was advised that Stockport Council was currently consulting on a refresh of the South East Manchester Multi-Module Strategy to cover the next 20 years and residents have continually raised the issue of local rail services and their frustration regarding rail capacity and performance. The presence of good transport, and in particular, good reliable train services underpins a multitude of strategies, in encouraging people out of cars. It was also important to continue to pursue Sunday Services rail provision as a priority. Engagement with key stakeholders has been poor, and members expressed disappointment that rail operators had not briefed them earlier on the issues so that support could have been offered to mitigate the impact to rail users and engage and lobby Government at an earlier stage. Members urged that communication needs to be improved going forward.

The Mayor advised the meeting that he had just been informed that the office of the Rail Regulator had intervened with respect to Network Rail.

The report highlighted that since June 2016, Northern had failed to meet the standards set out in their franchise agreement since 2016. This had been attributed

to a number of factors including signalling problems and poor workforce planning. Members felt that immediate action was required to ensure that the impact on the economic growth of GM was minimised.

It was suggested that GM MPs should be included in making representations to the Transport Secretary demonstrating a unified GM approach.

## **RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted and that a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport, to be circulated to all members of the GMCA for signature, reminding him of the priority works, he himself identified, required on the Castlefield Corridor, Oxford Road Rail Station platform extensions and platforms 15 & 16 at Piccadilly Rail Station to enable the May 2018 timetable to be delivered and seeking a resolution as soon as possible.

## **GMCA 168/18            BUS REFORM**

The Mayor of GM, introduced a report with updated members on the procedural steps to developing an assessment of a proposed bus franchising scheme for GM pursuant to the Transport Act 2000 (as amended by the Bus Services Act 2017), its provisions and associated next steps for GM.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the procedural steps and requirements of the Act in so far as they relate to the Assessment be noted.
2. That TfGM be instructed to undertake the following actions in performance of the GMCA's functions under the Transport Act 2000:
  - a) to secure the conditional availability and preliminary briefing of a suitably qualified independent audit organisation ("Auditor") so that after having prepared the Assessment and should the GMCA wish to proceed with any proposed scheme, the Auditor may then be instructed to prepare a report in accordance with section 123D of the Act
  - b) determine, if required by the conclusions in the Assessment, when it considers that the Assessment is ready to be submitted for audit, whether in advance of such submission there are any matters arising from the disclosure of information by operators or the analysis in the Assessment that may impact the substantive nature of the proposed franchising scheme or any alternative proposals being considered under the Assessment that should be referred to the GMCA for consideration and further direction to TfGM before the Assessment is finalised and submitted for audit

- c) ahead of completion of the audit to take all appropriate steps to prepare the materials necessary to allow the GMCA to undertake the consultation process under section 123E of the Act, so that as soon as reasonably possible after obtaining a report in accordance with section 123D of the Act, TfGM may submit to the GMCA for consideration the Assessment and any report of the Auditor so that the GMCA may:
  - i. Review the Assessment and audit report;
  - ii. Determine whether to proceed to consultation or to remit the Assessment for further consideration and audit;
  - iii. Subject to 2 above, instruct TfGM to undertake a consultation in accordance with section 123E of the Act on its behalf; and
  - iv. Issue further directions to TfGM as appropriate.

## **GMCA 169/18            MAYOR'S CYCLING & WALKING CHALLENGE FUND**

The Mayor of GM, presented a report to the GMCA which sought approval of the first tranche of schemes for programme entry into the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund and seeking approval of the associated programme management and delivery budgets.

He noted that more schemes than originally anticipated had come forward.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the first tranche of cycling and walking schemes, be approved and granted Programme Entry for inclusion in the Mayor's Cycling & walking Challenge Fund.
2. That it be noted that the schemes would be further developed and would be subject to subsequent approval by the GMCA, as appropriate.
3. That the release of up to £1.5 million funding to fund programme management and associated costs in 2018/19 be approved and the GMCA Treasurer be authorised to make the necessary capital-revenue 'switch'.
4. That the release of £1.5 million for scheme development and design in 2018/19 be approved and the GMCA Treasurer be authorised to make appropriate grants to GM District Councils to facilitate this.

## **GMCA 170/18            INTRODUCTION OF A ZONAL FARES STRUCTURE ON THE METROLINK NETWORK**

The Mayor of GM introduced a report which detailed a proposal to introduce a zonal fare structure on the Metrolink network in early 2019. The report specifically included the results of the public engagement exercise, the subsequent changes to the proposal and requested approval of the final proposal. The proposal mirrored the system in place in London and was the foundation for building an integrated transport system, confirming that the proposals would not impact on the revised fares to be introduced in 2019.

He reminded members that this scheme would provide residents with increased freedom to travel across an entire zone, providing flexibility and value for money. The proposals had been subject to public consultation, with the results published in the report.

Further work to progress 'contactless' payments was underway with a view to making some headway early in the new year.

Members acknowledged that not all suggested changes could be accommodated and recognised that Metrolink went some way to addressing gaps in the network following the deregulation of bus services. The provision of cross-city connectivity was vital to ensuring people had access to the regional centre and the ability to access employment across GM.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the approach to the public engagement exercise that ran between 1 June and 17 June and the response rate and the wider engagement activity undertaken be noted.
2. That the results of the public engagement exercise be noted.
3. That the proposed change to the proposal which has arisen from the engagement activity be noted.
4. That the final proposal to introduce a zonal fare structure across the Metrolink network in early 2019 be approved.

## **GMCA 171/18            CO-ORDINATING TAXIS & PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING IN GM AND DEVELOPING MINIMUM STANDARDS**

The Mayor of GM introduced a report which outlined the progress in developing a more coordinated approach to standardising and creating higher regulatory standards for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles licensed by GM Local Authorities.

It was clarified that this was not the establishment of GM taxi license, rather the 10 GM Local Authorities working voluntarily together to agree the same minimum standards. The scheme required legislative reform at a national level.

There had been some initial meetings with the representatives of taxi trade, with a trade reference group to be established to look at reform. The progress of work would be subject to Government agreeing the request to withdraw the planned de-regulation proposals for out of area working.

Members further recognised the role of taxis and private hire vehicles in the air quality agenda, with a request that officers working on the licence proposals work coordinating with officers working on the Air Quality Plan to ensure the work was fully aligned.

It was reiterated that the standards to be agreed at a GM level, would be minimum standards with Local Authorities free to raise standards further.

Members also reiterated the importance of the credentials of the driver licenses must also be of the highest standards, in recognition of the safety of all passengers.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the report and the proposal for informal engagement of the Taxi and Private Hire trade on the proposed approach to GM minimum standards be noted.
2. That the informal public engagement exercise being undertaken by TfGM on behalf of GM District Councils to secure a fuller understanding of the key concerns and issues of passengers and non- users be noted.

## **GMCA 172/18**

## **BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS**

### **a) Capital Programme Approval**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, introduced an update report in relation to the GMCA 2018/19 capital expenditure programme.

## **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the current 2018/19 forecast compared to the 2018/19 capital budget be noted.

2. That the delivery of projects which were part of the Department for Transport Early Measures Fund of £3 million be approved and that the addition to the 2018/19 Capital Programme of this Scheme be noted.
3. That the addition to the Capital Programme of the Cycling and Walking Commissioner's Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Proposals and the proposal to procure 27 trams and associated infrastructure funding as part of the Transforming Cities Fund, as approved by GMCA in June be noted.
4. That the budget increase of £7.377 million for Capital Highways Maintenance in relation to additional Pot-Hole, National Productivity Fund and Congestion plan funding be approved.
5. That the addition to the 2018/19 Capital Programme for additional Investment activity of £8.1 million for GM Loans Fund to be funded from Prudential Borrowings be noted.

## **b) Revenue Budget Approval**

Councillor David Molyneux, Portfolio Lead for Resources, introduced a report which informed members of the 2018/19 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of June 2018.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the budget adjustments as detailed in paragraphs 3.1, 3.7 to 3.27 and 3.30 to 3.31 be approved.
2. That the grant of £0.513 million to the Business Growth Hub to deliver business support services funded by BEIS on behalf of GM LEP for 2018/19 be approved.
3. That the Mayoral General revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which was in line with budget be noted.
4. That the Mayoral General – Fire revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which was in line with budget be noted.
5. That the Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which shows an underspend against budget of £0.1 million be noted.
6. That the transport revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which was in line with budget be noted.
7. That the GM Waste revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which was in line with budget be noted.

8. That the TfGM revenue outturn position for 2018/19 which was in line with budget be noted.

## **GMCA 173/18            GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK PROJECTS UPDATE**

Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive of the GMCA, introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA for loans to Float Glass Industries Limited and The Black Dress Company Limited made from recycled funds. Both of the schemes protected existing jobs and previous investment.

Members commented on the success of recycling investment funds in GM, particularly those of the Regional Growth Fund which had spent 170% of the Fund. The Housing Investment Fund has also continued to recycle further monies that could be used for those schemes more difficult to finance.

### **RESOLVED /-**

1. That the funding applications received from Float Glass Industries Limited (loan of £396k) and The Black Dress Company Limited (loan of £150k) be granted conditional approval to progress to due diligence.
2. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and GMCA Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transactions, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive and GMCA Treasurer for the period 30 July 2018 to 27 September 2018, in consultation with The Mayor of GM and the Deputy Mayor, to approve funding requests for projects in the absence of a GMCA meeting in August and to approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans.
4. That recommendations approved under the delegation would be subject to the usual due diligence processes and would be reported to the GMCA at the next available meeting.
5. That an update on the GM Investment Loans Fund and GM Housing Investment Loans Fund performance be submitted to a future meeting of the GMCA.

## **GMCA 174/18            GREATER MANCHESTR HOUSING INVESTMENT LOANS FUND**

City Mayor Paul Dennett, portfolio lead for housing, planning and infrastructure, introduced a report which sought approval from the GMCA for four applications to

the Housing Investment Loan Fund. He advised that the RP Joint Venture submission was to be withdrawn for consideration at a later date.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the requests to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loans be approved as contained within the table below:

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Bowdon Homes Ltd	Carrhill, Mossley	Tameside	£5.410m
Brunswick Living Limited	Brunswick Street, Manchester	Manchester	£2.088m
Slateacre Partnership Limited	Slateacre Road	Tameside	£1.916m
HS Property Group	HSPG	GM region	£1.000m

2. That the consideration of the application for funding from RP Joint Venture be withdrawn for consideration at a future meeting of the GMCA.
3. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Treasurer and the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.
4. That authority be delegated to the GMCA Chief Executive and GMCA Treasurer, for the period 30 July 2018 to 27 September 2018, in consultation with The Mayor of GM and the Portfolio Leader for Planning, Housing & Homelessness to approve funding requests for projects in the absence of a GMCA meeting in August and approve any urgent variations on amounts and terms for already approved loans.
5. That recommendations approved under the delegation would be subject to the usual due diligence processes and would be reported to the GMCA at the next available meeting.

**GMCA 175/18            EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED /-**

That, under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items on business on the grounds that this involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the

public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**GMCA 176/18            FULL FIBRE PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A Full Fibre Programme Update (minute 166/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 177/18            GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND  
CONDITIONAL PROJECT APPROVALS**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A GM Investment Framework Project Updates (minute 173/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 178/18            GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND –  
INVESTMENT APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CLERK'S NOTE:** This item was considered in support of the Part A GM Housing Investment Loans Applications (minute 174/18 refers).

**RESOLVED /-**

That the report be noted.

**GMCA 179/18            WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT & PENSION ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR CONTRACTOR STAFF**

Councillor David Molyneux introduced a report regarding the pension arrangements for employees currently employed in the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal contract and who will be providing similar services post the current procurement exercise. In particular, agreeing the transfer of employees currently participating in private sector Defined Benefits (DB) schemes to the Greater Manchester Local Government Pension scheme run through Tameside Council.

**RESOLVED /-**

1. That the steps being undertaken to simplify the pension arrangements of current waste contract employees be noted as follows:
  - a) Active Defined Benefit members currently in the Citrus sections of the Viridor scheme are provided with access to the GMPF;
  - b) Members past service liabilities in the Citrus schemes are bulk transferred into the GMPF, (either with or without member consent). The GMCA would meet the associated legal and advisory costs of this process (with VWGM retaining its obligation to make good deficits on the existing schemes in respect of active DB members), and that that process is expedited so as to allow for the process to be completed before April 2019
  - c) That successful bidders become admitted bodies of the GMPF, under a formal GMCA guarantee;
  - d) That bidders be required to price on the basis of a separate Waste and Resources sub scheme with employer contribution rates for the contract period being set in bidder instructions (with any adjustment to costs being a pass through);
  - e) That bidders be required to assume the full risks associated
    - with early retirement costs on redundancy;
    - any other additional benefits awarded at the employer's discretion; and;
    - costs of ill health retirements on a fixed fee basis with residual costs as a risk to the future waste contractors.
2. That it be agreed that the GMCA would be prepared to give the appropriate guarantees to the GM Pension Fund in request of Admissions agreement with the current interim contract and the three contract lots post 1 April 2019. The precise details of the contractors and the detail of their Admission Agreements would become clear through the procurement process and be included in the report to GMCA on the contract award later in the year.

