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Centre Policies**

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Policy OTC1 - Oldham Town Centre

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1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy will support the principle of the creation of a green infrastructure network through the focal point that is Jubilee Park.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	No mitigation needed. Policy OTC4 - Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre covers this and Policies N1 to N3 on nature of the Local Plan also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Place chapter also addresses objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy will support the principle of the creation of a green infrastructure network through the focal point that is Jubilee Park.</p>	No mitigation needed. Policies N1 and N2 on nature in the Local Plan and CO1 – CO3 on open space also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Place chapter also addresses objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy seeks to ensure development opportunities help to define and enhance the local character and sense of place.</p>	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective. In addition,	None

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and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place							policy OTC2 'Protecting and Enhancing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area' in the Local Plan also considers views and identity of the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure the enhancement of Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area to contribute to its removal from Historic England's heritage at risk register. In addition, the policy states that the re-use of existing listed buildings on Union Street will make space for live performance, including a new theatre and home for Oldham Coliseum, and the Prudential Building will be renovated to create innovative and flexible office space aimed at attracting creative and digital businesses to Oldham. The Egyptian Room in Oldham Town Hall will be	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PFE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment. In addition, policy OTC2 'Protecting and Enhancing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area' in the Local Plan covers this objective.	None

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						transformed into a food and drink destination. This will also help to achieve this objective.		
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre and the principles expected include high quality low carbon design. These will help promote high quality, beautiful design.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 and OTC3 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. The redefining of the retail core, the proposals for around 2000 new homes and the other elements all ensure that the land and buildings in Oldham Town Centre are used in an effective and efficient manner.	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	None

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						In addition, the policy states that the re-use of existing listed buildings on Union Street will make space for live performance, including a new theatre and home for Oldham Coliseum, and the Prudential Building will be renovated to create innovative and flexible office space aimed at attracting creative and digital businesses to Oldham. The Egyptian Room in Oldham Town Hall will be transformed into a food and drink destination. This will also help to achieve this objective. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.		
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will provide sustainable infrastructure connections and increased high speed digital connections. In addition, the	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None

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meet development needs						creation of Jubilee Park and a green infrastructure network will also contribute to this objective.		
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help achieve this objective by enhancing accessibility, connectivity and movement which will encourage more walking and cycling. Well-being will be improved by a regenerated Town Centre that provides for a range of needs, be it retail, cultural facilities and high quality further and higher education establishments for our residents.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will help achieve this as the creation of a green infrastructure network through the focal point that is Jubilee Park will reduce surface water flood risk.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 and CC4 of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP—S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan	None

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corridors and availability of water resources							including policies CC5 and CC6 of the Local Plan also addresses water quality.	
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The delivery of 2,000 homes in Oldham Town Centre will ensure a large amount of brownfield land is remediated and brought back into a worthwhile use, thus helping to meet this plan objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and Policy LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will help to achieve this by supporting the development of a Town Centre Minewater Heat Network. The network will extract heat from water in disused mines underneath Oldham Town Centre to create a low carbon power source that will help deliver our ambitions for carbon neutrality.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 and CC2 also addresses energy.	None
13. To ensure communities and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help to achieve this by supporting the creation	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective	None

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infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change						of Jubilee Park which will help with cooling.	including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC3 and CC4 on managing flood risk and N3 on enhancing Green Infrastructure through development.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will improve air quality by supporting our Green New Deal through delivery of a Town Centre Minewater Heat Network, by providing sustainable infrastructure connections and by enhancing accessibility, connectivity and movement.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre – in doing so the local environmental quality will be improved. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None

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						assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.		
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy will help to achieve this by providing sustainable infrastructure connections.</p> <p>Improvements to the walking and cycling network in the town centre will allow for more sustainable travel patterns to be established between the Town Centre and the surrounding area, and also allow for ease of movement to public transport connections.</p>	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-3 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. In achieving this the town centre will have around	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An Integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H1	None

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						2000 new homes with access to a retail core, a cultural and creative quarter, Jubilee Park, an incubation space and an educational quarter.	'Delivering a Diverse Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. A regenerated town centre will create jobs and bring in sustainable economic growth. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None

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20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan Policies C1-C4 on centres as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross--boundary	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. This includes a cultural and creative quarter which it says will be the focus for our night-time and visitor economy, providing an improved food and drink offer, expanded entertainment and leisure sector and cultural attraction. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan policies C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests', CO4 'Cultural, Community and Health Facilities' and TM1 'Tourism' as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	None

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						assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.		
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre, this includes an education quarter which will remain home to high-quality further and higher education establishments.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 and CO6 one education and Skills also addresses this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre, this includes the development of around 2000 homes which will contribute to providing a a sustainable housing land supply.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

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management of minerals								
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the principles of the Creating a Better Place strategic framework which aims to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. In achieving this the town centre will have around 2000 new homes with access to a retail core, a cultural and creative quarter, Jubilee Park, an incubation space and an educational quarter. This will all contribute towards promoting mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positives and significantly positive scores. Some effects were cross boundary, due to the fact Oldham Town Centre attracts people from outside of the borough, but the majority were local. Some of the effects went from positive to significantly positive over time due to the fact that regeneration can be a lengthy process and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.

Policy OTC2 – Protecting and Enhancing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy encourages the introduction of appropriate greening and landscaping. This should result in increased multi-functional green infrastructure over the plan period.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	<p>Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature, OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.</p> <p>When considering IA9 on flood risk it was considered that the wording of the policy could be strengthened from 'appropriate greening' to 'appropriate multi-functional green infrastructure' to ensure many benefits are delivered from greening.</p>	Criterion 7 within policy amended from 'appropriate greening' to 'appropriate multi-functional green infrastructure'.
2. To promote quality and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy allows for new interventions in	Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open	Criterion 7 within policy

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accessible open spaces						public realm which could include open spaces and encourages the introduction of appropriate greening and landscaping.	<p>Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.</p> <p>OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' of the Local Plan also address Green Infrastructure which could include open space.</p> <p>In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.</p> <p>When considering IA9 on flood risk it was considered that the wording of the policy could be strengthened from 'appropriate greening' to 'appropriate multi-functional green infrastructure' to</p>	amended from 'appropriate greening' to 'appropriate multi-functional green infrastructure'.

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							ensure many benefits are delivered from greening.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to protect and enhance the character and townscapes within Oldham Town Centre conservation area through a number of criteria. This will strengthen sense of place and distinctiveness.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective. Local Plan policy OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' will also help enhance sense of place.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to protect and enhance Oldham Town Centre conservation area, which is on Heritage at risk register. This includes a number of listed assets as well as the conservation area.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires development to carefully consider and	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and policies	None

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that meets local design expectations						reflect the character and appearance of the conservation area through high quality design of an appropriate scale, density, height, form, massing, layout, plot position, materials, colours, composition and detailed design.	OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' address design. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses design.	
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages developments to secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets to prevent their decay and dereliction. This will ensure that land and buildings are used efficiently.	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policy H3 'Housing Density' and PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy may support new infrastructure and as part of that ensure it is appropriate given the conservation area and	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None

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development needs						seek to improve wayfinding but it is not the policy aim to ensure adequate supporting infrastructure to support new development.		
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance the conservation area through engaging the public, improving way finding and introducing greening. These interventions should have a positive impact on health and well being.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy encourages the introduction of greening and landscaping however	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4	Criterion 7 within policy amended from 'appropriate

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the effects of flood risk						it is not the focus of the policy to mitigate flood risk.	<p>'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.</p> <p>However, it was considered the policy could be enhanced to ensure that it provides multiple benefits by amending appropriate greening to multi-functional green infrastructure.</p>	greening' to 'appropriate multi-functional green infrastructure'
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address impacts on water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will contribute towards this objective as it	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of	None

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most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land						supports development proposals where they secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets to prevent their decay and dereliction. This will indirectly reduce pressure of greenfield land and protect soils.	Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and policy LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although there may be energy savings associated with avoiding demolition and redevelopment the policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	None
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages the introduction of greening and landscaping, which should provide cooling.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood	None

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							Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre', CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and N3 'Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development'.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre and in doing so indirectly it is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to live alongside working and spending recreational time. The policy also aims to improve way finding therefore creating a more accessible and user-	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None

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						friendly environment to encourage walking and cycling and encourages greening. All these interventions should indirectly have a positive impact on air quality.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy includes criteria which will help improve environmental quality including to secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets to prevent their decay and dereliction, and include positive interventions to improve the condition of buildings, or reverse inappropriate alterations; and improve active uses at ground floor level; ensure high quality shopfronts are installed and that	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None

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						adverts are of a quality and design appropriate to the conservation area.		
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	-	-	-	Permanent	Local	The policy supports development that improves wayfinding into and around the conservation area and between key transport links however it is not in itself aiming to improve the transport system.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	It is considered that the policy will indirectly contribute towards this objective as the policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre and in doing so it is hoped	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H1 'Delivering a Diverse	None

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						that the centre will be a place where people want to live, work and spend recreational time therefore promoting accessibility to key services and reducing the need to travel. The policy also aims to secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets which could be used for key services.	Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre and in doing so it is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to live, work and spend recreational time therefore assisting in regeneration and reducing deprivation.	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None

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19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre, including through measures such as securing viable uses and supporting temporary uses. It is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to live, work and spend recreational time. Indirectly this should help promote sustainable economic growth.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees,	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to protect and enhance Oldham Town Centre through a range of measures which should remove the conservation area from the heritage at risk register and consequently enhance the vitality	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and	

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						and viability of Oldham Town Centre.	Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aims to protect and enhance Oldham Town Centre through a range of measures including supporting viable uses and engaging the public. Enhancing the centre and better defining the conservation area should have a positive impact on tourism and leisure in the centre.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan policies OTC1, C3 and TM1 as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although the policy aims to engage the public through measures such as public art the policy is not likely to improve	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', CO5 'Education and Skills'	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						education attainment and skill levels.	and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy promotes the reuse of heritage assets which may be used for housing, but it is not the focus of the policy to provide a sustainable housing land supply.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy promotes the reuse of heritage assets which may reduce the pressure for minerals.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a neutral impact.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to improve wayfinding and to engage the community therefore	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure,	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
sustainable communities						the policy should help achieve this objective.	communities and design aim to address this objective.	

The policy scored a mixture of neutrals, positives and significantly positive scores. No mitigation was needed to manage potentially adverse effects. However, when considering IA9 on flood risk it was considered that the wording of the policy could be enhanced from 'appropriate greening' to 'appropriate multi-functional green infrastructure' to ensure many benefits are delivered from greening and to ensure that the IA process results in net gain in line with NPPF. It was considered that this would also enhance the policy against IA objectives IA1 and IA2 on green infrastructure and open space.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.

Policy OTC3 – Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	++	++	++	Permanent	Lcal	<p>The policy includes specific requirements for the public realm in Oldham Town Centre to be improved with the introduction of trees and landscaping creating a biodiverse town centre.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature, OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy includes a specific requirement to ensure the introduction of trees and landscaping in appropriate locations to create a greener,	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						cooler and biodiverse town centre, which may contribute to quality open spaces.	OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' of the Local Plan also address Green Infrastructure which could include open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm to allow the enhancement of the town centre's identity by enriching the urban fabric through creating a simple and uncluttered environment that allows the character	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						of the existing buildings to come through.		
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm to enhance the town centre's identity by enriching the urban fabric through creating a simple and uncluttered environment that allows the character of the existing buildings to come through.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy contains several requirements to ensure that new public realm in Oldham promotes new, high quality beautiful design.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan address design. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new development to encourage and explore opportunities to create new public realm in Oldham	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' of the Local Plan address objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						Town Centre, by virtue of their siting, design and materials. The creation of new public realm associated with new development will, alongside other policies in this plan help to ensure that land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner.	In addition, PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	It is considered that the policy will have a positive impact on this objective as the policy requires and appropriate provision of high-quality public realm in Oldham Town Centre, which could be considered as supporting infrastructure.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	It is considered that the policy would have a positive impact on	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
reduce health inequalities						this objective as its requirements will help ensure more walkable and active environments in new development, thus improving health and well-being and reducing health inequalities.	Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy has a number of requirements in relation to green infrastructure, by ensuring that the public realm can be appropriately shaded by green infrastructure, which in turn will help mitigate flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP—S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address impacts on water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and policy LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy has a number of requirements in relation to green infrastructure, by ensuring that the public realm can be appropriately shaded by green infrastructure, which can help ensure that communities are resilient to the effects of climate change.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre', CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and N3 'Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development'.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross- boundary			
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The provision of green infrastructure in new public will help improve air quality in Oldham Town Centre by improving the green infrastructure within it, indirectly helping to improve air quality	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy includes specific requirements to ensure that new public realm in Oldham Town Centre allows for natural surveillance, is well lit and used, thus helping to protect and improve local amenity.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross- boundary	The policy includes a specific requirement to include active travel in the design of new public realm in Oldham Town Centre.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective. However, the policy does discourage the use of the car by creating high quality public realm that forms part of a linked network.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H1 'Delivering a Diverse Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will help improve the quality of public realm in Oldham Town Centre, which will help promote regeneration.	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will ensure high quality public realm is located in Oldham Town Centre, thus helping to protect and enhance the vitality and viability of the centres, by creating more walkable environments and encouraging dwell time within them.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy includes a requirement to ensure high quality public realm that encourages	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						dwelling time and creating opportunities for social interaction, thus helping to increase opportunities for leisurely activities, which could also improve opportunities for tourism.	Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan Policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', C2 'Development of main town centre uses' and TM1 'Tourism' as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PFE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
tenures to meet local housing needs								
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy does not, in itself, directly impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of positives and neutrals, with no negatives. No mitigation or enhancements were required to the policy as a result of the IA process.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.

Policy OTC4 – Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy focus is on creating and enhancing multi-functional Green Infrastructure within and around the town centre.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	<p>No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature of the Local Plan also addresses Green Infrastructure as well as OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre'.</p> <p>In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.</p>	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy focus is on creating and enhancing multi-functional Green Infrastructure within and around the town centre including open spaces.</p>	<p>No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.</p> <p>OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town</p>	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Centre' also address Green Infrastructure which could include open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will introduce new green infrastructure within and around the town centre. The town centre has very little green space and so the introduction of green infrastructure should enhance the townscapes and sense of place.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective in addition to OTC2 'Protecting and Enhancing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area' in the Local Plan.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy should indirectly enhance the historic environment of Oldham Town Centre through introducing green infrastructure and public realm.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 and OTC2 'Protecting and Enhancing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area' of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy focus is on creating and enhancing multi-functional Green Infrastructure within and around the town centre including as part of new developments so this will contribute towards high quality design.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 and the other Oldham Town Centre policies of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Indirectly introducing multi-functional green infrastructure within and around the centre will help make sure that this land is being used for multi purposes such as encouraging active travel and climate change resilience. Enhancing the centre will also make the centre more attractive as a place to live helping to direct people to higher density areas.	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' of the Local Plan also address objective. In addition, PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Protecting, creating and enhancing green infrastructure will ensure that this type of infrastructure is implemented to support new development proposals.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Protecting, creating and enhancing green infrastructure will encourage healthier lifestyles and will provide benefits such as cooling. In a part of the borough where health deprivation is high this will have a positive impact.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages the use of nature-based solutions to manage surface water flood risk in the town centre.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage –	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Foul and Surface Water' also addresses flood risk.	
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy encourages green roofs, walls and nature-based solutions. Measures such as these will help slow the flow of water and therefore safeguard water resources.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including policies CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	Permanent	Local	Green Infrastructure will be introduced however it may not restore existing soil quality.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have limited impact on this objective.	It is not considered that mitigation is needed as this area is unlikely to be acceptable for wind turbines. PfE policies JP-	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
and low carbon energy							S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will ensure multi-functional green infrastructure is created as part of new developments, which will provide cooling preventing heat exhaustion and flood risk mitigation, efficient use of water, ensuring users of the town centre are resilient to climate change.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and N3 'Enhancing Green	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Infrastructure through development'.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aim is to create and enhance green infrastructure which will capture carbon and help improve air quality as well as encouraging active travel which will help reduce emissions from a reduction in the use of private based vehicles. This should improve air quality over the plan period.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to create and enhance green infrastructure which will improve local environmental quality within and around the centre.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages the promotion of high-quality active travel routes, in a green infrastructure setting, linking homes to	No mitigation needed. PFE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network						schools, workplaces and transport hubs through improved cycle routes and the Bee Network.	policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to enhance green infrastructure within and between key services such as schools therefore this should assist in promoting accessibility and reducing the need to travel by making the town centre a more attractive place to live.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H1 'Delivering a Diverse Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy should make a significant contribution towards regeneration of the town centre and surrounding areas through enhancing the environment and	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PFE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						improving transport infrastructure such as cycle routes and Bee Network.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy should make a significant contribution towards regeneration of the town centre and surrounding areas through enhancing green infrastructure, which should have positive secondary and cumulative effects on economic growth.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Creating and enhancing green infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre will help enhance the centre overall which will improve its vitality and viability.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							‘Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough’s centres’ as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Creating and enhancing green infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre will help enhance the centre overall which will improve its attractiveness as a place to visit, particularly through supporting a Greenway that links Oldham Edge to Northern Roots, via the town centre cultural quarter.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 ‘Cultural Facilities’ and JP-P4 ‘New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres’ and Local Plan policies OTC1, C3, CO4 and TM1 as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 ‘Education, Skills and Knowledge’ and Local Plan OTC1 ‘Oldham Town Centre’, CO5 ‘Education and Skills’ and CO6 ‘Securing	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will assist in ensuring high quality homes are built but it does not in itself provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of housing.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help make Oldham Town Centre a place where people want to live and spend leisure time therefore helping to	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						create mixed and inclusive communities.	design also aim to address this objective.	

The policy scores a mixture of neutrals, positives and significantly positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.

Policy OTC5 – Creating better vehicular parking and drop off facilities in Oldham Town Centre

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy will have limited impact on this objective.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature, OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy will have limited impact on this objective.</p>	<p>No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.</p> <p>OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town</p>	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Centre' of the Local Plan also address Green Infrastructure which could include open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							addresses the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Clause 3 and the sub clauses set out a series of criteria that new car parking will have to meet, which relate to ensuring the new car parking is of high quality, in terms of the design and siting of it.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and policies OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' address design. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Clause 1 of the policy specifically states the need to ensure that land is used efficiently as possible, in order to support a significant reduction in surface level car parking in Oldham Town Centre.	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' of the Local Plan also address objective. In addition, PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The clauses within the policy are included to ensure that only car parking that is essential to	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						the operating of new development in Oldham Town Centre is allowed, thus ensuring an appropriate level of supporting infrastructure.		
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	A reduced level of surface car parking and associated improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure and public realm improvements mean that people will be able to enjoy the town centre via active modes of transport and thus help improve health and well-being.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address impacts on water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and policy LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							addresses soil and contaminated land.	
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	None
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Centre', CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and N3 'Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development'.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a positive impact on this objective when combined with other policies in the plan, primarily by the rationalisation of car parking within the town centre, in order to make it a more walkable and active environment.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None

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16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	A reduced level of surface car parking and associated improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure and public realm improvements mean that people will be able to enjoy the town centre via active modes of transport and thus ensure a more integrated and improved transport system in Oldham Town Centre	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy would have a positive impact on this objective through the rationalisation of car parking and creating a more walkable and accessible Town Centre. When combined with other	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H2 'Housing Mix' can help	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						policies in the Local Plan, the policy will create a Town Centre which is easier to access by public transport, active travel and have key services close by.	influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy would have a positive	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P4 'New Retail	None

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and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						impact on this objective, specifically in relation to Oldham Town Centre by ensuring the right level of car parking in the Town Centre and thus allowing more land to be available for housing and commercial uses, which will protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre.	and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan Policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', C2 'Development of main town centre uses' and TM1 'Tourism' as well as other policies also	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy is considered to have a positive impact on this objective, primarily due to the fact that the policy aims to optimise the levels of parking provided in Oldham Town Centre so that additional land is available for higher density development, for instance, thus	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						boosting the supply of housing in Oldham Town Centre.		
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will not impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of positives and neutrals, with no negatives. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were made as a result of the IA.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.