

Oldham

Local Plan

**Publication Plan : Integrated
Assessment Appendix 2 : IA of Plan
Objectives**

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IA Publication Plan Appraisal: Plan Objectives

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

PO1 Building quality homes to meet local needs and diversify the housing offer by:

- providing for, and supporting the delivery of, at least, 11,560 new homes;
- delivering a diverse housing offer to meet the needs of all our residents including affordable housing and homes for families, older people and disabled people;
- ensuring the delivery of high-quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes; and
- ensuring appropriate densities and making the best and most effective use of brownfield land.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 1	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

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3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	+	<p>PO1 seeks to ensure high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered at appropriate densities.</p> <p>It is assumed therefore that this would take into consideration the appearance of landscapes and townscapes.</p>	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 5 and 9.	N/A
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	PO1 seeks to ensure high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered at appropriate densities. It is assumed therefore that this would take into consideration the historic environment.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	PO1 seeks to ensure high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered at appropriate densities.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	PO1 seeks to identify a diverse housing offer and to ensure appropriate densities and making the best and most effective use of brownfield land.	N/A	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objectives 7, 8 and 10.	N/A

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supporting infrastructure to meet development needs				
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	<p>PO1 refers to ensuring high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivering a diverse housing offer to meet the needs of all our residents including affordable housing and homes for families, older people and disabled people.</p> <p>This will have indirect health links by improving housing stock and living environments.</p>	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective, although PO1 refers to ensuring high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered. This should include areas of lower flood risk and incorporation of sustainable drainage. Developing at appropriate densities also helps contribute towards meeting this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile	+	PO1 seeks to ensure appropriate densities and make the best and most effective use of brownfield land.	N/A	N/A

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agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land				
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	+	PO1 requires high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered, this should include good energy efficiency.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	PO1 requires high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered, this should include cooling which will help achieve this objective.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	PO1 will contribute to this through ensuring appropriate densities, which will include higher densities in sustainable locations, this will reduce reliance on the private car and therefore improve air quality.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	PO1 requires high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivered which will help improve local environmental quality.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A

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sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network				
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	PO1 will contribute to this through ensuring appropriate densities, which will include higher densities in sustainable locations, meaning more new homes are located with good accessibility to key services which reduces the need to travel.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO1 seeks to identify a diverse housing offer to meet the needs of our residents and to ensure appropriate densities are used and to make the best and most effective use of brownfield land. All of these will help promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 3 and 4.	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	PO1 seeks to build new homes to meet the borough's local housing need. Providing homes creates jobs directly and indirectly.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3 and 4.	N/A
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town	+	PO1 will help achieve this as a number of the new homes provided will be in our centres. This will help to protect and enhance our centres.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A

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Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill				
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	PO1 specifically seeks to achieve this.	N/A	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	PO1 achieves this by ensuring appropriate densities and making the best and most effective use of brownfield land.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD also addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably	--	PO1 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A

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in line with the waste hierarchy				
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	PO1 refers to ensuring high quality, sustainable and well-designed new homes are delivering a diverse housing offer to meet the needs of all our residents including affordable housing and homes for families, older people and disabled people. This will help promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 1 scored a mixture of neutral, positive and significantly positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements were identified for plan objective 1 as a result of the IA.

PO2 Providing opportunities to learn and gain new skills by:

- supporting the provision of suitable, modern services and facilities for the education and training of all age groups, including addressing the needs for primary and secondary school places; and
- encouraging employment and skills opportunities for local people as part of new developments.

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IA Objective	Plan Objective 2	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective, however it is noted that playing pitches form part of our green infrastructure network.	N/A Covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	PO2 supports the provision of new sites for education and training. Schools may include the provision of open space, sports and recreation facilities which can be made available to the wider community.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes,	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 5 and 9.	N/A

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maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place				
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. PO2 was amended at Draft Plan stage following the IA to make it clear that the objective applies to existing facilities and not just the building of new facilities.	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	PO2 is intended to ensure that sites are provided for education and skills which form part of our infrastructure needs.	N/A. Covered by plan objectives 8 and 10.	N/A
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	PO2 will help contribute to this as playing pitches and sports facilities within schools can often be accessed by the wider community. This will help	N/A. Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

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		improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities.		
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7 and 8.	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 2	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
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	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	PO2 will help provide a key service (education facility) addressing needs which should therefore promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO2 aims to provide opportunities to learn and gain skills which in turn will reduce levels of deprivation and disparity.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3 and 4.	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	PO2 aims to provide opportunities to learn and gain skills for local people which will help to promote sustainable economic growth and job creation.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3 and 4.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 2	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
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	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective, however it is acknowledged that there are a number of education and training facilities within our centres.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 4.	N/A
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	++	PO2 aims to provide opportunities to learn and gain skills for local people.	N/A.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective1.	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD also addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO2 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A

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26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	PO2 aims to encourage employment and skills opportunities for local people which will help promote inclusive communities.	N/A. This objective is a thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 2 scored many neutrals due to the specific nature of the objective and some positive and significantly positive scores.

Between Draft plan stage and Publication plan stage there were no changes to the scores.

PO3 Boosting northern competitiveness by providing access to employment opportunities and growing local businesses by:

- providing for, and supporting the delivery of, at least 57,481 sqm of office floorspace and at least 240,656 sqm of industrial and warehousing floorspace;
- protecting designated sites that are suitable and attractive for existing and new businesses to locate to and expand on;
- encouraging and facilitating the development of the borough's key economic sectors with a focus on clean growth and green technologies;
- supporting the expansion of digital infrastructure to assist economic growth; and
- supporting a range of sustainable leisure and tourism activities.

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IA Objective	Plan Objective 3	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	PO3 has no specific text although the plan objective supports leisure and tourism activities which will include our green infrastructure.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	PO3 has no specific text although the plan objective supports leisure and tourism activities which will include our open spaces.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes,	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 5 and 9.	N/A

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maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place				
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	PO3 helps to meet this objective by providing for and supporting the delivery of employment floorspace and protecting designated employment sites the majority of which are on brownfield land.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	PO3 helps meet this objective by supporting the expansion of digital infrastructure to assist economic growth which will support development needs of our businesses.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 7, 8 and 10.	N/A
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	PO3 seeks to provide access to employment opportunities which indirectly may help to reduce health inequalities.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 3	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	Maximising opportunities at designated employment areas will help avoid development on new greenfield sites and therefore will help to protect soil and agricultural land and remediate contaminated land.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7 and 8.	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy.	+	PO3 encourages clean growth and green technologies which will help promote sectors linked to energy efficiency.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A

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14. To protect and improve air quality	+	PO3 will help achieve this by protecting employment sites that will focus employment development towards already established employment areas and will help ensure that appropriate uses are located together indirectly resulting in protecting air quality. In addition, encouraging and facilitating the development of the borough's key economic sectors with a focus on clean growth and green technologies will also help to protect and improve air quality.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	PO3 will help achieve this by protecting employment sites that will focus employment development towards already established employment areas which will help ensure that appropriate uses are located together, and environmental quality is not diminished due to incompatible neighbour uses.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
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	--	PO3 seeks to ensure access to employment opportunities for all, which indicates through transport connections but there is no specific reference, therefore it has been given a neutral score.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A

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17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	PO3 seeks to ensure access to employment opportunities for all which should reduce the need to travel.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO3 seeks to ensure access to employment opportunities for all and to grow local businesses which will reduce levels of deprivation and disparity.	N/A	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	PO3 seeks to achieve this by ensuring access to employment opportunities for all; growing local businesses and encouraging and facilitating the development of the borough's key growth sectors.	N/A.	N/A
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	+	PO3 refers to supporting a range of leisure and tourism activities, these uses will protect and enhance our centres. In addition, new offices may be located within our centres.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	PO3 refers to supporting a range of leisure and tourism activities.	N/A.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 1.	N/A

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sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs				
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	Protecting our designated employment sites will protect further greenfield land being allocated for employment, which indirectly could minimise the need for releasing further greenfield sites, safeguarding minerals.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD also addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO3 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	PO3 achieves this by providing access to employment opportunities, which is inclusive. Designated employment sites are spread throughout the borough to help create mixed and balanced communities.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 3 scored positive and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage PO3 has been reworded slightly in a couple of places with the floorspace to be provided now reflected as square metres rather than hectares and green innovation now referred to as green technologies. The purpose of the objective has not changed though. However, on reflection there has been some changes in scoring:

- IA7 has now been amended from positive to a significant positive as it is felt that supporting the expansion of digital infrastructure to assist economic growth will significantly benefit the development needs of our businesses.
- IA14 has changed from a neutral to a positive as it is felt the objective will help achieve an improvement in air quality by protecting employment sites that will focus employment development towards already established employment areas and also by encouraging and facilitating the development of the borough's key economic sectors with a focus on clean growth and green technologies.

PO4 Supporting the regeneration of Oldham Town Centre and creating thriving centres by:

- supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres; and
- promoting and enhancing the vitality and viability of the borough's centres to ensure their long-term sustainability.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

Plan Objective 4 states that it will supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres. Oldham Town Centre Development Framework covers a number of elements relevant to this IA. The key proposals are:

- The introduction of up to 2,000 new homes located within safe, inclusive and attractive neighbourhoods.
- The redevelopment of Spindles Town Square Shopping Centre to redefine the retail core.
- The Green Shoots Business and Innovation Centre, and Minewater District Heat Network Energy Centre, which form part of the council's Greener Oldham commitment.
- The re-use and refurbishment of several prominent heritage assets, specifically the Prudential Building, the Old Library and Gallery, and the Lyceum Building.
- Enhancing accessibility, connectivity and movement, providing sustainable infrastructure connections through the Accessible Oldham programme.
- The enhancement of the town centre's Green Infrastructure with the creation of Tommyfield Park and Snipe Gardens.
- Upgrading the night-time and creative economy, to make the town centre a destination of choice

All elements from the strategy have been fed into this assessment and any assumptions made.

Other appropriate plans that have been considered during this IA are the Green Infrastructure Strategy, Oldham's Green New Deal, the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal Management Plan (CAAMP), Oldham's Transport Strategy and Accessible Oldham.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 4 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres, these plans will include quality multifunctional green infrastructure such as Tommyfield Park and Snipe Gardens in Oldham Town Centre.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres, these plans will include promoting quality and accessible open spaces such Tommyfield Park and Snipe Gardens in Oldham Town Centre.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	+	Plan objective helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres, these plans will include strengthening a sense of place.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 5 and 9.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 4 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres, these plans will include a number of projects around the historic core of Oldham Town Centre and through the re-use and refurbishment of several prominent heritage assets, specifically the Prudential Building, the Old Library and Gallery, and the Lyceum Building.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	PO4 will achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and other plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres. This will include the Oldham Town Centre CAAMP.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	PO4 seeks to support the regeneration of our centres and therefore maximises the use of brownfield land.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	PO4 will help support this objective as it supports appropriate plans or projects within our centres that will facilitate the borough's regeneration. This will include plans and strategies such as the Green Infrastructure Strategy, the Green New Deal and Accessible	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 8 and 10.	N/A

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		Oldham, all of which will help meet development needs.		
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres, these plans will include quality multifunctional green infrastructure such as Tommyfield Park and Snipe Gardens in Oldham Town Centre which will help improve health and well-being. There will be other plans and projects the objective supports which will also help improve health and well-being.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres, these plans will include quality multifunctional green infrastructure such as Tommyfield Park and Snipe Gardens in Oldham Town Centre which will help mitigate against flood risk. The objective also supports other plans such as the Green Infrastructure Strategy, which will also help to mitigate against flood risk.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and	--	PO4 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 4 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
availability of water resources				
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	PO4 supports the regeneration of the borough's centres which in some cases will result in the remediation of contaminated land.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7 and 8.	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres. Part of the Oldham Town Centre Framework and Oldham's Green New Deal is to deliver a Town Centre Minewater District Heat Network Energy Centre which will promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres. New multifunctional green infrastructure such as Tommyfield Park and Snipe Gardens in Oldham Town Centre will provide cooling which will help achieve this objective.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	PO4 will create thriving centres which will encourage people to live, work and visit within	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 4 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
		them. This will reduce the need to travel and help protect and improve air quality.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres. Regenerating the centres will improve local their environmental quality. In supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre CAAMP the objective will also support the improvement of shop fronts which will help create a more pleasant environment.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
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	++	The objective supports other appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's centres. This includes Oldham's Transport Strategy, Accessible Oldham and the Green Infrastructure Strategy.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the creating thriving centres. Our centres are well served by public transport connections and have a mix of uses, including key services, reducing the need to travel.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 4 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the regeneration of Oldham Town Centre and creating thriving centres, this will promote sustainable economic growth and job creation in our centres. The Green Infrastructure Strategy highlights Oldham Town Centre as an area for the Green Economy.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
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	++	The plan objective seeks to promoting and enhancing the vitality and viability of the borough's centres.	N/A.	N/A
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the regeneration of Oldham Town Centre and creating thriving centres, including by upgrading the night-time and creative economy, to make the town centre a destination of choice. This will promote sustainable tourism and leisure uses in our centres.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 4 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO4 will have a limited contribution to this objective, although there are education facilities within Oldham Town Centre.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	PO4 helps achieve this by supporting the delivery of the Oldham Town Centre Development Framework and appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's other centres. These plans include the provision of new homes.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	PO4 will indirectly achieve this by supporting thriving centres and focussing development within them helps to reduce the pressure on open land and therefore minerals.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD also addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO4 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	The plan objective seeks to promoting and enhancing the vitality and viability of the borough's centres which will promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 4 scored positive and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage there were no changes to scores.

PO5 Protecting and enhancing Oldham's landscapes by:

- protecting and furthering the purposes of the Peak District National Park;
- promoting the positive use of the Green Belt;
- identifying Local Green Spaces and supporting their enhancement; and
- ensuring high quality new development makes a positive contribution to Oldham's landscape and townscape features and characteristics.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	Plan Objective 5 seeks to achieve this through furthering the purposes of the Peak District National Park, promoting positive use of the Green Belt and identifying Local Green Spaces and supporting their enhancement.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	PO5 will contribute to this through identifying Local Green Spaces which can include open spaces and encouraging their enhancement. Green Belt may also include open space.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the	++	PO5 seeks to do this by furthering the purposes of the Peak District National Park, promoting positive use of	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place		Green Belt, identifying Local Green Spaces and by ensuring high quality new development makes a positive contribution to Oldham's landscape and townscape features and characteristics.		
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	PO5 achieves this as the Green Belt includes historic assets and Local Green Spaces can also include places that are important due to their historic significance and landscapes. The objective also seeks to protect and further the purposes of the Peak District National Park which includes cultural heritage.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	PO5 seeks to do this by protecting and furthering the purposes of the Peak District National Park, which will help conserve and enhance its natural beauty; promoting positive use of Green Belt, identifying Local Green Spaces and through ensuring high quality development makes a positive contribution to Oldham's landscape and townscape features and characteristics.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	PO5 helps to achieve this by protecting the purposes of the Peak District National Park, promoting the positive use of the Green Belt and identifying Local Green Spaces. This will all help direct development to the urban area.	N/A	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	PO5 will help achieve this furthering the purposes of the Peak District National Park can include furthering the enjoyment of the special qualities. In addition, Local Green Spaces provide green infrastructure in close proximity to communities. The positive use of the Green Belt can include improving access and recreation opportunities within it which will help ensure improved infrastructure to contribute towards wider development needs.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 7, 8 and 10.	N/A
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	PO5 will help achieve this furthering the purposes of the Peak District National Park can include furthering the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities which relates to wellbeing. PO5 also promotes the positive use of Green Belt which can include recreation improvements important for well-being.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	Indirectly PO5 will help achieve this as by protecting the Green Belt and Local Green Spaces this will allow them to be used for working with natural processes including the slow of water.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	PO5 protects and enhances landscapes which helps manage water sustainably on a catchment scale.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land,	++	PO5 will achieve this by furthering the purposes of the Peak District which includes wildlife; designating Local Green Spaces and promoting the positive use of the Green Belt, which will help focus development on	N/A	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
and remediate contaminated land		previously developed land and can enhance ecological value of the Green Belt.		
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	PO5 will largely have a limited impact on this objective, however it is acknowledged that in some areas of the borough it may constrain the development of renewable energy and low carbon energy, where it conflicts with the purposes of the PDNP.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	++	PO5 will help achieve this through protecting and furthering the purposes of the Peak District in relation to wildlife, the positive use of Green Belt and enhancing Local Green Spaces providing enhanced wildlife, cooling, drainage and carbon sequestration etc.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	PO5 will indirectly help achieve this through the positive use of the Green Belt and Local Green Spaces providing cooling and carbon sequestration etc. which will help improve air quality.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	PO5 will help achieve this through providing spaces that can offer tranquillity and landscaping, which can also help mitigate amenity issues such as noise and air pollution. It will also help further the purposes of the Peak District National Park which includes its enjoyment and beauty.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that	+	PO5 can help achieve this as potential Green Belt uses can include improved active travel routes.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network		In addition, some Local Green Spaces can also provide recreation routes and linkages for sustainable / active travel.		
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	PO5 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	PO5 helps to achieve this by promoting the positive use of the Green Belt and protecting Local Green Spaces. This will help direct development to the urban area which helps enable regeneration.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 3 and 4.	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	PO5 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objectives 3 and 4.	N/A
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of	--	PO5 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 4.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill				
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	PO5 helps achieve this by promoting the positive use of the Green Belt which can include improvements that compliment tourism and leisure and by respecting the Peak District National Park which also can support tourism and leisure.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO5 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	PO5 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	++	PO5 protects the Green Belt which will ensure the minerals safeguarding area and area of search is protected.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD also addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO5 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive	+	PO5 will contribute to this by identifying Local Green Spaces which help provide spaces for communities to	N/A. This objective is thread that runs	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 5 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
sustainable communities		join together for recreation and wellbeing and through positive use of the Green Belt.	throughout all the plan objectives.	

Plan Objective 5 scored positive and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

PO6 Protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment by:

- protecting and restoring core areas of wildlife;
- promoting nature recovery networks and improving connectivity in areas of lower biodiversity;
- using nature-based solutions to mitigate against, and be resilient to, climate change;
- delivering on the priorities for nature recovery within the Local Nature Recovery Strategy; and
- implementing Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy and supporting projects such as Northern Roots.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 6 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
22. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	PO6 seeks to protect, restore and enhance the natural environment by protecting and restoring core areas of wildlife; promoting nature recovery networks and improving connectivity in areas of lower biodiversity; using nature based solutions; delivering priorities within the Local Nature Recovery Strategy; and implementing the Green Infrastructure strategy.	N/A.	N/A
23. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	PO6 will achieve this by implementing Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy which aims to promote quality and accessible open spaces and helping deliver priorities within the Local Nature Recovery Strategy which includes better parks and open spaces.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
24. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local	++	PO6 will achieve this by protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment which will enhance our landscapes.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 5 and 9.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 6 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
distinctiveness and sense of place				
25. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	PO6 will help achieve this as it aims to protect and enhance the natural environment which includes historic landscapes and parks and gardens.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
26. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	Through promoting nature networks, implementing the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and using nature-based solutions PO6 will help achieve high quality design.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9	N/A
27. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	PO6 will help use open land more effectively by increasing biodiversity within it and using nature-based solutions.	N/A.	N/A
28. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	PO6 will support this by using nature-based solutions such as SUDs and providing green infrastructure.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 7, 8 and 10.	N/A
29. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	PO6 will achieve this by implementing the Local Nature Recovery Strategy which recognises improving health as a wider benefit and Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy which aims to promote quality and accessible open spaces which will have positive health and well-being benefits. Also, projects such as Northern Roots will help improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities by with initiatives such as community growing projects.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
30. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	++	PO6 will help achieve this by using nature-based solutions such as above ground SUDs which will help mitigate against flood risk and implementing the Local	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 6 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
		Nature Recovery Strategy which recognises flood risk management as a wider benefit.		
31. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	++	Nature based solutions will help protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources. Implementing priorities within the Local Nature Recovery Strategy which recognises water quality as a wider benefit.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
32. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	PO6 helps achieve this as protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment through initiatives such as the Local Nature Recovery Strategy will help restore and improve soil quality.	N/A	N/A
33. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	PO6 will have a limited contribution to this objective, although projects such as Northern Roots may include energy efficiency and low carbon energy.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
34. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	PO6 will help achieve this through using nature-based solutions which will help mitigate flood risk and provide cooling helping achieve being resilient to the effects of climate change.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
35. To protect and improve air quality	++	PO6 will help achieve this objective by using nature-based solutions and implementing Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The Green Infrastructure Strategy encourages tree planning and other solutions which will contribute towards improved air quality. The Local Nature Recovery	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 6 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
		Strategy recognises improved air quality as a wider benefit.		
36. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	PO6 will help achieve this by protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment which will help achieve wider benefits such as reduced noise pollution and a more pleasant environment. The Green Infrastructure Strategy includes schemes such as using tree planting to screen from the motorway which will also contribute towards this objective. The Local Nature Recovery Strategy notes that its wider benefits include noise regulation.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
37. 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	++	PO6 will help achieve this by implementing Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy and supporting projects such as Northern Roots. The Green Infrastructure Strategy includes active travel as a priority and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy notes it can help create attractive active travel routes.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A
38. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	PO6 will implement Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy which aims to promote quality and accessible open spaces, reducing the need to travel.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
39. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO6 will help achieve this as projects such as Northern Roots will have significant benefits to surrounding communities in terms of jobs, education and health benefits. The Local Nature Recovery Strategy aims to deliver more green spaces to help tackle inequalities, particularly health inequalities.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 3 and 4.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 6 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
40. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	PO6 will help achieve this as the Green Infrastructure Strategy has a theme called 'Sustainable Growth and Green Jobs' and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy notes green jobs and careers as a wider benefit. In addition, it is recognised that projects such as Northern Roots will create some jobs.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3 and 4.	N/A
41. 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	+	PO6 would help achieve this through embedding Green Infrastructure in centres, creating attractive places.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A
42. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	PO6 will achieve this by implementing Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy which aims to promote quality and accessible open spaces which are a source of leisure and tourism. In addition, Northern Roots will create a wide range of tourism activities including mountain biking, outdoor events, and arts and culture for local people and visitors.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	+	PO6 will help achieve this as projects such as Northern Roots seek to provide educational, voluntary and employment opportunities. Further skills can be fostered through food growing and other Green Infrastructure community schemes. The Local Nature Recovery Strategy aims to raise awareness and education of nature.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes,	--	PO6 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 1.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 6 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
types and tenures to meet local housing needs				
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	PO6 will avoid the sterilisation of minerals in the long term by protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD also addresses this objective.	N/A
23. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO6 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses this objective.	N/A
24. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	PO6 will achieve this by implementing Oldham's Green Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy which aims to promote quality and accessible open spaces and help create mixed and balanced communities.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 6 scored positive and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication stage the IA objective was amended to reflect the Local Nature Recovery Strategy more and as such IA15 and IA18 have increased from + to ++ as the LNRS recognises the amenity benefits an enhanced nature network can bring such as noise regulation and its contribution towards reducing inequalities and tackling deprivation.

PO7 Promoting sustainable development that mitigates and adapts to climate change by:

- achieving high standards of sustainable design and construction;
- adopting a positive approach towards energy schemes and the identification of low carbon and renewable energy opportunities;
- reducing the risk of flooding to people and property taking into account climate change;
- managing flood risk using integrated water management and the provision of multi-functional green infrastructure;
- promoting the efficient use of water resources and water quality; and
- protecting and reinstating restorable peat, allowing it to act as an important carbon sink.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 7 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	PO7 achieves this through managing flood risk through the provision of multi-functional green infrastructure; promoting water quality and protecting and reinstating restorable peat.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	PO7 will help achieve this as multi-functional Green Infrastructure can include open spaces which can help manage flood risk through integrated water management.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 7 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	+	PO7 will help achieve this through reinstating restorable peat and managing flood risk using integrated water management.	N/A. Covered by plan objectives 5 and 9.	N/A
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	PO7 will have a limited contribution to this objective. Although canals are a heritage asset the objective is about using water efficiently and promoting better quality water.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	PO7 achieves this by promoting high standards of sustainable design and construction and managing flood risk using multi-functional green infrastructure which will ensure that high quality developments are delivered.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	PO7 achieves this through the use of integrated water management and the provision of multi-functional green infrastructure. This will ensure that land will be used to deliver multi-functional benefits using land efficiently.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of	++	PO7 achieves this through the use of integrated water management, adopting a positive approach towards energy schemes, and the provision of multi-functional	N/A. Also covered by plan	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 7 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
supporting infrastructure to meet development needs		green infrastructure which will support development needs.	objectives 8 and 10.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	PO7 will help achieve this indirectly as promoting sustainable energy will lead to improved air quality and will help tackle fuel poverty. The plan objective will also reduce flood risk which will help reduce stress and risk to life. Multi-functional Green Infrastructure will provide wider health benefits.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	++	PO7 directly seeks to achieve this.	N/A.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	++	PO7 directly seeks to achieve this.	N/A.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	PO7 seeks to protect and reinstate restorable peat and promotes the efficient use of water resources and quality. This includes ensuring that development within source protection zones is controlled to ensure pollutants are minimised within soil and water supply.	N/A	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency	++	PO7 directly seeks to achieve this.	N/A.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 7 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
and the use of renewable and low carbon energy.				
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	++	PO7 directly seeks to achieve this. Reinstating restorable peat will allow it to act as a carbon sink.	N/A.	N/A
14. To protect and improve air quality	++	PO7 will achieve this through adopting a positive approach towards energy schemes and the identification of low carbon and renewable energy opportunities which will protect and improve air quality. The objective also includes reinstating restorable peat which will allow it to act as a carbon sink helping improve air quality.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	<p>PO7 will achieve this by adopting a positive approach towards energy schemes and the identification of low carbon and renewable energy opportunities as greener energy is more widely used as an alternative to fossil fuels. This will help protect and improve local environmental quality.</p> <p>Multi-functional Green Infrastructure can also help with noise pollution and for example above ground SUDS offer more environmental benefits than underground solutions.</p>	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

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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	--	PO7 will have a limited impact on this objective although it is acknowledged that multi-functional green infrastructure can include active travel routes for walking and cycling.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	PO7 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	PO7 will help achieve this indirectly as promoting sustainable energy will help tackle fuel poverty.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	PO7 will help achieve this indirectly as adopting a positive approach towards energy schemes and the identification of low carbon and renewable energy opportunities should help generate jobs related to the green sector.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of	+	The plan objective is applicable borough wide, including in centres, helping to create more attractive, vibrant and resilient centres. In addition, energy schemes such as	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A

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Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill		the proposed district heating scheme will enhance Oldham Town Centre's offer.		
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	PO7 will have a limited impact on this objective although it is acknowledged that multi-functional green infrastructure can include transport routes for walking and cycling which are important for leisure and tourism.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO7 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	PO7 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	PO7 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD addresses this objective.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO7 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses this objective.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 7 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	PO7 will help achieve this as promoting sustainable energy will help tackle fuel poverty which will help achieve inclusive sustainable communities.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 7 scored positive and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage the objective was amended to make reference to peat. As such:

- IA3 regarding landscapes has increased from – to + as the plan objective has been amended to include reinstating restorable peat and also it seeks to manage flood risk using integrated water management; and
- IA11 regarding soil quality has increased from + to ++ as the plan objective now refers to protecting and reinstating restorable peat.

PO8 Uplifting the health and well-being of our residents and local communities by:

- facilitating and encouraging local and accessible health and well-being provision;
- protecting and enhancing access to, and providing for / or improved open spaces, sports and recreation facilities, to meet the needs of new development and communities;
- supporting sport and recreation projects such as Oldham's SportsTown;
- providing spaces to grow food in new and existing communities, such as allotments and community gardens and connecting people to nature;
- supporting and protecting new and existing community facilities;
- reducing crime and fear of crime and promoting community safety, through good design of the built environment;
- improving air quality for the benefit of everyone; and
- providing and maintaining high standards of amenity and local environmental quality.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

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1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	PO8 will help achieve this by protecting and enhancing access to open space and providing spaces to grow food. Health and well-being provision can also include community food growing spaces.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	PO8 will help achieve this by protecting and enhancing access to open space, sport and recreation provision.	N/A.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the character and	+	PO8 will help achieve this by reducing crime and fear of crime and promoting community safety,	N/A. Also covered by	N/A

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appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place		through good design of the built environment and providing and maintaining high standards of amenity and local environmental quality which will protect and enhance our landscapes and townscapes.	plan objective 5 and 9.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic, heritage assets and their setting	+	PO8 will help contribute to this through good design of the built environment and providing and maintaining high standards of amenity and local environmental quality which will help protect the settings of heritage assets and the wider historic environment.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	PO8 helps achieve this by reducing crime and fear of crime and promoting community safety, through good design of the built environment and standards of amenity and local environmental quality which will help promote high quality beautiful design.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	PO8 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	PO8 will contribute towards this IA objective through facilitating and encouraging health and wellbeing provision, community food gardens and new or improved open space, sport and recreation provision.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 7 and 10.	N/A

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8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	PO8 helps achieve this through encouraging health and well-being provision, community food gardens and new or improved open space, sport and recreation provision. Also, the plan objective aims to support and protect new and existing community facilities which will also contribute towards this objective.	N/A.	N/A
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	PO8 will help achieve this indirectly by protecting and enhancing access to open spaces which can provide multi-functional benefits including flood storage on natural and semi-natural open spaces.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	PO8 will help achieve this indirectly by protecting and enhancing access to open spaces which may include rivers corridors and water bodies.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	PO8 makes an indirect positive contribution to this objective as it seeks to protect and enhance open spaces which could lead to the improvement and protection of soil, and the remediation of contaminated land.	N/A	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy.	--	PO8 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient	+	PO8 encourages community food gardens, seeks to improve air quality and provide new and	N/A. Also covered by	N/A

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to the effects of climate change		improved open spaces which will help embed resilience to climate change.	plan objective 7.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	++	PO8 seeks to improve air quality to benefit the health of everyone.	N/A.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	PO8 will help achieve this by reducing crime and fear of crime and promoting community safety, through good design of the built environment; encouraging the creation of community food gardens, improving air quality to benefit the health of the borough's residents and visitors providing and maintaining high standards of amenity and local environmental quality.	N/A.	N/A
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	--	PO8 will have a limited contribution to this objective, however it is acknowledged that open spaces can contribute to the walking and cycling network.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	The plan objective will help achieve this through provision of accessible health and well-being services and protecting and supporting new and existing community facilities and enhancing access to open space, sport and recreation facilities.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	The plan objective helps meet this through facilitating health and well-being facilities, encouraging community food gardens, providing new and improved open space and recreation	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A

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		facilities, promoting community safety and protecting new and existing community facilities.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	PO8 will help achieve this through opportunities for community growing which and help promote sustainable growth and job creation on a small scale.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
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	+	The plan objective will help achieve this by reducing crime and fear of crime and promoting community safety, facilitating and encouraging local and accessible health and well-being provision, and supporting and protecting new and existing community facilities. Our centres are often hubs when it comes to community uses.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	PO8 will protect and enhance new or improved open space, sport and recreation facilities which will provide leisure opportunities. Supporting Oldham's SportsTown will also achieve this objective.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	+	PO8 will help achieve this as open space and community facilities can provide access to learning and skills, and through community food growing which can also provide skills. Supporting Oldham's SportsTown will also achieve this objective.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes,	--	PO8 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A

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types and tenures to meet local housing needs				
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	PO8 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD addresses this objective.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO8 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses this objective.	N/A
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	PO8 will help achieve this by supporting and protecting new and existing open spaces and community facilities; reducing crime and fear of crime and promoting community safety, through good design of the built environment and by promoting new and improved open space, sport and recreation facilities, particularly in areas of need.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 8 scored positive and significantly positive scores with some neutral scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft plan stage and Publication plan stage there were no changes to the scores.

PO9 Improving and valuing a better historic and built environment, by:

- delivering high-quality design and placing greater emphasis on place-making, with building and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character;
- conserving and enhancing the borough's historic environment and heritage assets, including the borough's textile mills; and
- ensuring that proposals within Oldham Town Centre follows the recommendations set out in the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Management Plan with the aim of removing the Conservation Area from the 'at-risk' register.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

IA Objective	Plan Objective 9 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	PO9 will help achieve this by delivering high-quality design and placing greater emphasis on place-making, with buildings and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character. This should include green infrastructure. The Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Management Plan also encourages the introduction of appropriate green infrastructure within the conservation area.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	PO9 will help achieve this by delivering high-quality design and through greater emphasis on place-making, with buildings and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character. This should include open space.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining	++	PO9 will help achieve this by delivering high-quality design and placing greater emphasis on place-making, with building and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character. Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area	N/A.	N/A

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and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place		Management Plan also seeks to enhance the townscape of the town centre and its sense of place.		
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	PO9 will help achieve this by conserving and enhancing the borough's historic environment and heritage assets, including textile mills and aiming to remove Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area from the 'at-risk' register.	N/A.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	PO9 will achieve this by improving and valuing a better built environment by delivering high-quality design and placing greater emphasis on place-making, with building and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character and conserving and enhancing the borough's historic environment and heritage assets.	N/A.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	PO9 will help achieve this as it seeks to maximise opportunities for the enhancement of heritage assets, including textile mills. This will help ensure the re-use of brownfield land and vacant buildings.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objectives 7, 8 and 10.	N/A
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective, however it is recognised that the historic environment can have positive impacts on health and well-being.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

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9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective, although it is recognised that our canals are a heritage asset there is no specific reference to improving the quality of water.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	Indirectly PO9 will help achieve this through ensuring the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets such as mills as this reduces pressure on greenfield land and therefore soil and agricultural land etc.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy.	+	PO9 will help achieve this by delivering high-quality design. This should include effective energy efficiency.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	PO9 will help achieve this as high-quality design should ensure developments and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 7.	N/A
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	PO9 should contribute this through well designed buildings and places that encourages ventilation, active travel and green infrastructure therefore improving air quality.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A

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15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	PO9 will help achieve this by delivering high-quality design and placing greater emphasis on place-making, with building and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character which will improve local environmental quality. An aim of the Oldham Town Centre Management plan is to address detracting features which can impact on environmental quality such as poor-quality shop fronts and signage and vacant buildings.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
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	+	PO9 will help achieve this objective indirectly through improved wayfinding in Oldham Town Centre, including its conservation area, and restoration of waterways such as canals which forms a sustainable transport route for walking, wheeling and cycling.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective, however it is acknowledged that by having a greater emphasis on place making should ensure that developments are supported, accessible to services and facilities.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 10.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO9 helps to achieve this by conserving and enhancing the borough's historic environment and heritage assets and by delivering high quality design.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A

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		And by ensuring that proposals within Oldham Town Centre follows the recommendations set out in the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Management Plan will contribute to Oldham Town Centres regeneration.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	PO9 helps achieve this by delivering high-quality design and placing greater emphasis on place-making, with building and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character. Creating a better built environment will help promote economic growth.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
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	++	The plan objective seeks to do this through delivering high quality design and aiming to remove Oldham Town Centre from Historic England's 'at-risk' register which will protect and enhance its vitality and viability.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	The plan objective helps achieve this through delivering high-quality design which will help to promote sustainable tourism. In addition, the enhancement of heritage assets may also be used for tourism and leisure related uses as well as indirectly attracting visitors through an enhanced historic environment.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A

IA Objective	Plan Objective 9 (2026)	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Publication Plan Objective as a result of the IA
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	+	The plan objective seeks to conserve and enhance heritage assets, such as textile mills, which can be used as part of the sustainable supply of housing sites contributing towards a mix of tenures and types.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 1.	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective. Although the re-use of heritage assets will reduce pressure for further minerals.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO9 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	PO9 will help achieve this by building and spaces that respond positively to local distinctiveness and character and through the conservation and enhancement of heritage assets will help to create sustainable communities.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 9 scored positive and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage only minor amendments were made referencing textile mills.

IA14 was amended regarding air quality from -- to + as on reflection high quality design should lead to buildings and places that encourage ventilation, active travel and green infrastructure therefore improving air quality.

IA16 was amended from – to + as improved wayfinding in Oldham Town Centre, including its conservation area, and restoration of waterways such as canals which forms a sustainable transport route for walking, wheeling and cycling and will therefore on reflection help achieve this.

PO10 Promoting accessible and sustainable transport choices, by:

- supporting delivery of Oldham's Transport Strategy and the Right Mix approach to encourage active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) and an increase in travel by sustainable modes;
- reducing the need to travel by car through ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities; and
- improving public transport connectivity for Oldham's residents to key areas of employment within the borough, the city region and beyond.

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as the plan objectives will be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, that all IA objectives impacts will be delivered in the longer term.

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1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	PO10 contributes to this objective by supporting the Right Mix approach to encourage an increase in active travel. Multi-functional green infrastructure will be included in some walking, wheeling and cycling routes.	N/A Covered by plan objective 6.	N/A
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	PO10 helps achieve this by supporting the Right Mix approach to encourage an increase in active travel. Multi-functional green infrastructure will be included in some walking and cycling routes.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
3. To protect and enhance the	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 5 and 9.	N/A

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character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place				
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 9.	N/A
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	PO10 will help achieve this by ensuring new development is in areas with access to public transport, local services, and facilities, which will focus development within the urban area, including on brownfield land.	N/A	N/A
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to	++	PO10 will help achieve this by supporting the delivery of Oldham's Transport Strategy which includes a number of projects to meet development needs.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 7 and 8.	N/A

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meet development needs				
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	PO10 will help achieve this by supporting the Right Mix approach which will encourage active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) helping to improve health and well-being through more active lifestyles resulting in improved air quality and mental health.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	Indirectly PO10 will help achieve this through ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities. This will reduce pressure on greenfield land and therefore soil and agricultural land.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7 and 8.	N/A
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy.	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 7.	N/A

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13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	PO10 contributes to this objective by supporting the Right Mix approach to encourage an increase in active travel. Some walking, wheeling and cycling routes will incorporate multi-functional green infrastructure which will help resilience in relation to climate change.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 6 and 7.	N/A
14. To protect and improve air quality	++	PO10 will help protect and improve air quality by reducing the need to travel and supporting the right mix approach to encourage active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) and by reducing the need to travel by car through ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	PO10 will help improve local environmental quality by reducing the need to travel and supporting the right mix approach to encourage active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) which will reduce traffic noise and pollution.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 8.	N/A
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	++	PO10 will achieve this by reducing the need to travel and supporting the right mix approach to encourage active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) and by reducing the need to travel by car through ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities.	N/A.	N/A

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17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	PO10 will achieve this by reducing the need to travel and supporting the right mix approach to encourage active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) and by reducing the need to travel by car through ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities and by improving public transport connectivity for Oldham's residents to key areas of employment.	N/A.	N/A.
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	PO10 helps achieve this by ensuring new development is in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities and improving connectivity for Oldham's residents to key areas of employment. This should help people to access employment and other services, reducing levels of deprivation.	N/A. Also covered by plan objectives 3 and 4.	N/A
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	PO10 will help achieve this by improving public transport connectivity for Oldham's residents to key areas of employment. This will promote sustainable economic growth and job creation.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3 and 4.	N/A
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	++	PO10 helps achieve this by ensuring new development is in areas with access to public transport local services and facilities – this will include our centres and by supporting the delivery of the Transport Strategy. In addition, many key services and facilities are located within our centres, so improving accessibility to these will improve the overall vitality of the town centres.	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 4.	N/A
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	PO10 helps achieve this as by encouraging active travel and an increase in travel by sustainable modes this will help support	N/A. Also covered by plan objective 3.	N/A

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		sustainable tourism and leisure by allowing access to tourism and leisure facilities by active and sustainable transport modes.		
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective, although it is acknowledged that improved access to education as a key service may support improved education attainment.	N/A. Covered by plan objective 2.	N/A
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	+	PO10 will help achieve this by ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services, which will ensure the housing land supply is sustainable.	N/A	N/A
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective, however it is acknowledges that it may indirectly help achieve this through ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services and facilities, reducing pressure on greenfield land.	N/A. The Joint GM Minerals DPD addresses.	N/A
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	PO10 will have a limited contribution to this objective.	N/A. The Joint GM Waste DPD addresses.	N/A
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	PO10 will help achieve this by ensuring new development is located in areas with access to public transport, local services, which will ensure the housing land supply is sustainable.	N/A. This objective is thread that runs throughout all the plan objectives.	N/A

Plan Objective 10 scored positive and significantly positive scores with some neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the plan objective were identified as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage PO10 has been reworded slightly in some places to make it clearer that the intention is to reduce the need to travel by car and improve public transport connectivity for our residents. This has not resulted in changes in scores to most IA objectives though the text has been amended accordingly to reflect the new wording.

However, IA13 now includes reference to biodiversity so as a result the score has been amended from neutral to positive as it is felt that by supporting the Right Mix approach to encourage an increase in active travel, some walking, wheeling and cycling routes will incorporate multi-functional green infrastructure which will help with resilience in relation to climate change.

In addition, on reflection IA15 was amended from a neutral to a positive score as it was felt that the local environmental quality would be protected and improved by the reduced traffic noise and pollution.