

Oldham Local Plan

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Policy H1: Delivering a Diverse and Sustainable Housing Offer

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy has limited contribution to this objective.</p> <p>The policy has been screened in by the HRA with possible impacts from direct land take; increases in diffuse air and water pollution and increases in recreational impacts.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p> <p>The HRA identifies mitigation measures to address any likely significant effects.</p>	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	X	X	X	Permanent	Local	The policy promotes housing development on suitable sites where the proposed development is consistent with other local plan policies, PfE policies and national planning policies. This could	Policy CO1 sets out circumstances where the loss of an open space would be acceptable. CO1 requires that the loss of an open space is mitigated in terms of	None

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						include open space sites, where the loss would be consistent with policy CO1.	providing replacement provision in the form of new open spaces or contributing to enhancing existing provision within suitable location, considering the Open Space Study (2022) evidence in relation to need and accessibility, in line with policy CO2. In addition, policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 addresses this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy seeks to support residential development which is in line with other Local Plan policies, including design and heritage policies, as such the policy has an indirect positive	No mitigation required. As set out in the policy, residential development should be in line with relevant local plan policies, PfE policies and national	None

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distinctiveness and sense of place						contribution to this objective.	planning policies. As such, PfE policy JP-H4 and Local Plan policy H2 ensures development density is sympathetic to the local character and townscapes. PfE policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 further addresses this objective.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to support residential development, which is in line with other Local Plan policies, including heritage policies. It could also support the positive reuse of historic buildings, such as mills, for housing (some mills are identified within the housing land supply). As such, the policy has an indirect positive contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality		--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy seeks to support residential	No mitigation required. Policies D1	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
design that meets local design expectations						development, which is in line with other Local Plan policies, including design policies, as such the policy has an indirect positive contribution to this objective.	to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE policy JP-P1 also address design.	
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly seeks to support the redevelopment of brownfield land for housing. It also requires that development is sustainable and accessible which can ensure land is used in an effective manner, especially when considered alongside policy H2 which promotes the efficient use of land through ensuring appropriate densities are achieved.	No mitigation required. Policy H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that all residential development is sustainably located and accessible via public	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
infrastructure to meet development needs						transport, walking, wheeling and cycling.	Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited impact on this objective, however access to quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being, therefore by ensuring the development of housing the policy contributes indirectly to this objective.	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Flood risk may affect some housing sites that come forward for development, however the policy itself will not contribute towards this	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						objective. Where necessary, proposals would be subject to a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment.		
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	There may be opportunities to improve the quality of water bodies as part of development proposals, however it is considered that the policy itself is limited in its contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	This policy directly supports the redevelopment of brownfield land for housing. This will indirectly help to reduce pressure for development on greenfield sites helping to protect soil and agricultural land. In addition, some proposals may help remediate Contaminated Land.	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						The policy supports residential development on suitable sites. Some sites that come forward for development may be greenfield land (or include some greenfield land). The development of these sites could affect soil quality.		
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Whilst the redevelopment of existing buildings will help to reduce energy use from construction of new build and new builds could be built to higher energy efficiency standards, it is considered that the policy in itself will have a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PFE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PFE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							that address this objective include CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy ensures that development is sustainably located and accessible by public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling. This could reduce car usage and thereby improve air quality. As such this policy has an indirect positive contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-S5 and policy LE3 of the Local Plan addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the development of brownfield land for housing which could lead to the redevelopment and improvement of formerly derelict or detrimental sites/ vacant buildings. Moreover, the policy seeks to support residential development,	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						which is in line with other Local Plan policies, including amenity policies, as such the policy has an indirect positive contribution to this objective.		
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that all residential development is accessible by active travel and is in sustainable and accessible locations and promotes and encourages the use of public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling. It requires that development meets Greater Manchester Accessibility Level (GMAL) 4 or above, as a measure of accessibility to public transport (exceptions apply). Therefore, the policy promotes an integrated transport system and development could improve connectivity to	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						the walking and cycling network, where it does not exist currently.		
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that all residential development is accessible by active travel and is in sustainable and accessible locations and promotes and encourages the use of public transport, walking, wheeling and cycling. As such, the policy explicitly promotes accessibility and seeks to reduce the need to travel.	No mitigation required. PFE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the development of housing which could help to promote wider regeneration and reduce deprivation and disparity. Moreover, the policy supports the redevelopment of brownfield land for housing which could lead to the regeneration of	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						formerly derelict or detrimental sites/ vacant buildings which could be contributing to deprivation.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy supports the development of housing, the construction of which could generate job creation and support the local economy in the short to medium term. Moreover, the development of quality housing can contribute to sustainable economic growth, retaining residents and supporting the local economy in the medium to long term.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the delivery of housing, which could include housing within Oldham Town Centre and the borough's other centres. A significant proportion of Oldham's identified housing land supply, as identified in the	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, is identified within Oldham Town Centre, in particular. Appropriate housing in Oldham's centres can support other uses and promote and enhance the vitality and viability of the centres.	supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports the delivery of a range of housing to meet	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and	None

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supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs						the differing needs of Oldham's residents.	several Local Plan policies on housing further address this objective.	
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy seeks to support the delivery of housing, which could include the reuse of existing buildings through conversion and change of use. This will indirectly help reduce pressure on the need for a higher amount of minerals for new development.	No mitigation required. The GM Minerals Plan addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Waste Plan addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to support the delivery of housing in sustainable and accessible locations, some of which will include affordable housing (in line	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure,	None

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						with policy H5). Therefore, the policy makes a direct positive contribution to this objective.	communities and design aim to address this objective further.	

The policy scored mostly a mixture of positives and neutrals; however, it did score negative in terms of promoting quality and accessible open spaces (IA2) as the policy promotes housing development on suitable sites where the proposed development is consistent with other local plan policies, PfE policies and national planning policies, which could include open space sites. Mitigation is included within policy CO1 of the Plan in terms of addressing and compensating for the loss of open spaces to development (in line with policy CO2). As such, no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required.

Between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage there have been some minor changes to IA scores to reflect that the policy wording has been amended slightly and a specific measure of accessibility to public transport has been added, as follows:

- IA16 has been amended from positive to significantly positive across all time periods to reflect that the policy now specifically requires that all development (unless there is an exceptional reason not to) is accessible by active travel and meets Greater Manchester Accessibility Levels (GMAL) 4 or above. This means that the policy has a stronger positive contribution to this objective.

The policy has been screened in by the HRA with possible impacts from direct land take; increases in diffuse air and water pollution and increases in recreational impacts. The HRA identifies mitigation measures to address any likely significant effects.

Policy H2: Density of New Housing

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy allows for alternative housing densities in certain circumstances such as where the defined density would impact on landscape or green infrastructure.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing	The policy ensures site densities are sympathetic	None

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character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place						densities as is defined in the policy. However, the policy allows for alternative housing densities in certain circumstances such as where the defined density would impact on heritage assets, flood risk, design context, or green infrastructure, in line with PfE policy JP-H4.	to the local character and townscapes. It reflects PfE policy JP-H4 in an Oldham context. JP-G1 and JP-P1 also address this objective.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities, as is defined in the policy. However, the policy allows for alternative housing densities in certain circumstances such as where the defined density would impact on heritage assets.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality, design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities, as is defined in the policy. However, the policy allows for alternative housing densities in certain circumstances such as	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

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						where the defined density would be inappropriate or impracticable in terms of design context, ensuring that design expectations are upheld.		
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities, as is defined in the policy. The policy ensures that development makes the most efficient use of land, including specifying that the mix of residential developments within Oldham Town Centre, other centres and close to transport hubs will mostly be for higher density developments, including apartments.	No mitigation required. Policy H1 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this policy in itself, however when read as a whole, policy H1 requires that all residential development is sustainably and accessibly located.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the	None

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							impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports this objective as access to quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being, therefore by ensuring appropriate housing densities for the site's location ensures the most efficient use of land and contributes to meeting local housing needs.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	N/A	N/A	The policy allows for alternative housing densities in certain circumstances such as where the defined densities would be inappropriate or impracticable in terms of site-specific issues such as flood risk.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

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11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	This policy directly seeks to ensure land is used efficiently by ensuring appropriate densities are applied relevant to the site location. This will indirectly help to reduce pressure for development on greenfield sites helping to protect soil and agricultural land.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy sets out that higher density housing will be required for sites close	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and	None

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						to public transport stops and within the boroughs centres. Therefore, the policy supports this objective by locating residential development within highly accessible areas, thus reducing the need to travel and indirectly improve air quality.	Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None
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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective. However, it does ensure that residential development is accessible to public transport.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

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protection of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out that higher density housing will be required for sites close to public transport stops and within the boroughs centres. Therefore, the policy supports this objective by locating residential development within highly accessible areas, thus reducing the need to travel.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities, as is defined in the policy, to ensure the efficient use of land and to address housing needs which could help to promote wider regeneration and reduce deprivation and disparity. Where appropriate the policy allows for alternative housing densities to deliver a particular form of housing to meet a specific local need.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

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19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities and specifies that higher densities will be required within the borough's centres. Promoting housing within the borough's centres will contribute to enhancing the vitality and viability of the centres.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None

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23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities relative to the site location. Ensuring that a mix of housing types and sizes are developed, and development is sustainably located which is important in delivering mixed and balanced communities. Therefore, the policy makes a direct positive contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure appropriate housing densities relative to the site location. Ensuring that a mix of housing types and sizes are developed, and development is	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix, specialist and affordable housing, communities and	None

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						sustainably located which is important in delivering mixed and balanced communities, will make a direct positive contribution to this objective.	design aim to address this objective further.	

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positive, positive and neutral. No negative scores were given and no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

There were no changes to scores between Draft Plan and Publication Pan stage.

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

Policy H3: Housing Mix

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy allows for an alternative housing mix in certain circumstances such as where the defined mix would impact on landscape or ecological designations or assets.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p>	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited contribution to this objective.	<p>No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.</p>	None

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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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote a diverse housing mix, in line with local evidence. However, the policy allows for an alternative housing mix in certain circumstances such as where it can be clearly demonstrated that the site has distinct characteristics that make a higher density inappropriate or impracticable, such as flood risk, design context, impact on heritage assets.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote a diverse housing mix, as is defined in the policy. However, the policy allows for an alternative housing mix in certain circumstances such as where the defined mix would impact on heritage assets.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote a diverse housing mix, as is defined in the policy. However, the policy allows for an alternative	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
design expectations						housing mix in certain circumstances such as where the defined mix would be inappropriate or impracticable in terms of design context, ensuring that design expectations are upheld.		
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote a diverse housing mix, as is defined in the policy. The policy reasoned justification provides an overall recommended housing mix. The policy (and reasoned justification) also cross-references to the density requirements of policy H2, which ensures the efficient use of land, including specifying that residential developments within Oldham Town Centre will mostly be for higher density such as apartments.	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this IA objective in itself.	No enhancement to the policy is required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
infrastructure to meet development needs							that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports this objective as access to quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being, therefore by ensuring a diverse mix of housing in line with evidence of local housing needs (and when read alongside policy H4 which supports the delivery of housing for need groups such as older persons and disabled persons) the policy contributes to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	N/A	N/A	The policy allows for an alternative housing mix in certain circumstances such as where the defined mix would be inappropriate or	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						impracticable in terms of flood risk.		
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
the effects of climate change							Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None
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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy has a limited positive contribution to this objective. The policy seeks to promote a	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
reduce the need to travel						diverse housing mix, based on local evidence. The policy should be read alongside policy H1 which requires that all residential development is sustainably and accessibly located; and policy H2 (as referenced in the policy) which ensures housing is delivered at a density appropriate to its location, for example higher density development should be located close to town and district centres and public transport, where services and facilities can be easily accessed.	T2 can help achieve this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly seeks to promote a diverse housing mix, as is defined in the policy, to address housing needs which could help to promote wider regeneration and reduce deprivation and disparity. Where appropriate the policy allows for an alternative mix to deliver a particular	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						form of housing to meet a specific local need.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote a diverse housing mix, in line with local evidence. In line with policy H2 'Housing Density', the policy sets out that level-access homes will come forward as part of the overall housing mix, especially within town centres and highly sustainable locations. Promoting housing within the borough's centres will contribute to enhancing the vitality and viability of the centres.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
							policies addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly seeks to deliver a sustainable housing land supply including an appropriate mix of housing based on local evidence.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to support a diverse mix of housing to meet a range of local housing needs. Ensuring a diverse mix of	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on specialist and affordable housing,	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						housing on development sites is important in delivering mixed and balanced communities. Therefore, the policy makes a direct positive contribution to this objective.	communities and design aim to address this objective further.	

The policy scored a mixture of positives and neutrals. No negative scores were given and no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

There have been no changes to scores between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage.

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

Policy H4: Providing for Local Housing Needs

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that provision for older and disabled people is guided by several principles relating to physical accessibility, locational accessibility and design (criteria a to d).	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the delivery of housing suitable for people with specialist housing needs (including	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land						older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) which will ensure that housing land is used effectively in meeting local housing needs, and as such contributes to this objective.	JP-S1 and Policy JP-H4 address the efficient use of land.	
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the delivery of housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) which could include various forms of supported, extra-care housing and nursing care homes, which could contribute to meeting development needs. In addition, the policy requires that provision is guided by several design and accessibility related standards (criteria a to d).	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the delivery of housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) which could include	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						a range of housing, care and support options which will meet a local housing need. In addition, access to suitable, quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being.	address health and well-being.	
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
use of renewable and low carbon energy							addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that provision is guided by several accessibility related standards (criteria a to e), including ensuring that provision is sustainably	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network						located with access to public transport, local services and facilities (including a hospital or GP practice), accessible to the development via active travel means; and must promote ease of movement on foot.	design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy supports the delivery of housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) which could include various forms of supported and extra-care housing. This type of provision could include certain healthcare or support services and facilities that a housing need group would otherwise have to travel to access.</p> <p>In addition, the policy requires that provision must meet several accessibility related standards (criteria a to e), including ensuring that provision is sustainably</p>	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						located with access to public transport, local services and facilities (including a hospital or GP practice), accessible to the development via active travel means.		
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the delivery of housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) and therefore addresses housing needs which could help to reduce deprivation and disparity for these groups. In addition, the policy requires provision to be accessible and sustainably located which could help to reduce isolation.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to promote the development of housing, the construction of which could generate job creation and support the local economy in the short to medium term. Moreover, the development of quality	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						housing can contribute to sustainable economic growth, retaining residents and supporting the local economy in the medium to long term.	address economic growth.	
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires and supports the delivery of housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) - this could include sites within the borough's centres, especially Oldham Town Centre in line with the identified housing land supply. The delivery of housing within the borough's centres will contribute to enhancing the vitality.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports and requires appropriate development to provide housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) which will contribute to addressing local housing needs, thus diversifying the borough's housing land supply.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports and requires appropriate development to provide	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
sustainable communities						housing suitable for those with specialist housing needs (including older people, disabled people, children and care leavers) which will contribute to addressing several local housing needs, thus creating inclusive and sustainable communities. Moreover, the policy requires that housing provision is appropriately designed, accessible and suitable for the intended user which will support inclusive sustainable communities.	Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective further.	

The policy scores a mixture of positives and neutrals. No negative scores were given and no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

This policy is not comparable to the IA done at Draft Plan stage as the contents of this policy were covered by multiple policies previously.

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

Policy H5: Affordable Housing

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective. The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the character and	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place							JP-P1 address this objective.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy indirectly supports this objective by ensuring affordable housing is provided within all major residential developments, making efficient use of land to meet local housing needs. In addition, where appropriate, the policy	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP-H4 address the efficient use of land.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						allows for an exception to providing the full amount of affordable housing required (or a contribution to offsite provision) to support the redevelopment of a Vacant Building, in line with national policy and guidance on Vacant Building Credit.		
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the delivery of affordable housing which will contribute to meeting development needs. In addition, when read as a whole with policy H1 which requires that all residential development is sustainably and accessibly located, will ensure that development is supported by infrastructure.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy indirectly contributes to this objective as access to quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being, therefore by ensuring the development of affordable	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						housing which will contribute to meeting a local housing need, the policy contributes indirectly to this objective.		
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
and low carbon energy								
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective in itself, however when read as a whole in line with policy H1 all residential development, including affordable housing, should sustainably located and be	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network						accessible by active travel and public transport.	sustainable transport choices.	
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective in itself, however when read as a whole in line with policy H1 all residential development, including affordable housing, should be sustainably located and accessible by active travel and public transport.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires and supports the development of affordable housing therefore addressing a particular housing need which could help to promote wider regeneration and reduce deprivation and disparity.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to promote the development of housing, the construction of which	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
economic growth and job creation						could generate job creation and support the local economy in the short to medium term. Moreover, the development of quality housing can contribute to sustainable economic growth, retaining residents and supporting the local economy in the medium to long term.	within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires and supports the delivery of affordable housing, this will include on sites within the borough's centres, especially Oldham Town Centre in line with the identified housing land supply. The delivery of affordable housing within the borough's centres will contribute to enhancing the vitality.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports and requires the development of affordable housing of varying tenure and mix which will contribute to addressing local housing needs, thus diversifying the borough's housing land supply.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports and requires the	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
and inclusive sustainable communities						development of affordable housing of varying tenure and mix which will contribute to addressing local housing needs. In addition, the policy requires that affordable housing is pepper-potted throughout developments ensuring balanced and mixed communities.	the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective further.	

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positives, positives and neutrals. No negative scores were given, and no mitigation or enhancement was required as a result of the IA.

There were no changes to scores between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage.

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

Policy H6: Houses in Multiple Occupation

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy has limited contribution to this objective.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p>	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
							Specifically, policy CO2 requires that all HMOs with 10 or more occupants, will be required to contribute to offsite new or enhanced open space, sport and recreation to meet the needs of the prospective residents.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy supports the development of HMOs which are appropriate and requires that the development of HMOs complies with the relevant design and amenity standards within policy D1 and does not result in the loss of, or impact on the character and amenity to the area.</p> <p>The policy also requires that applications for HMOs provide a Statement of Community Engagement and Impact Assessment.</p>	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the development of HMOs	No mitigation required. Policies HE1	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting						<p>which are appropriate and requires that the development of HMOs complies with the relevant design and amenity standards within policy D1 and does not result in the loss of, or impact on the character and amenity to the area.</p> <p>The policy also requires that applications for HMOs provide a Statement of Community Engagement and Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.</p>	
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy makes a direct positive contribution to this objective as the policy requires that the development of HMOs complies with the relevant design and amenity standards within policy D1.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.</p>	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy supports this objective as it supports the development of HMOs, which often involve the change of use or conversion of previously</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP-H4 address the efficient use of land.</p>	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
use of brownfield land						developed land and buildings.		
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective. However, when read as a whole policy H1 requires that all residential development is sustainably located and accessible by active travel and public transport.	Where appropriate planning conditions or obligations will be used to secure the necessary infrastructure required to mitigate impacts of the development on existing provision, as set out in policy IN2.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy has an indirect contribution to this objective as access to quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being, therefore by supporting the development of suitable HMOs and including policy requirements to address amenity and housing quality the policy contributes indirectly to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Flood risk may affect some sites, however the policy itself will not contribute towards this objective. Where necessary	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
effects of flood risk						proposals would be subject to a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment.	Plan address flood risk.	
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy contributes to this objective as it supports the development of HMOs, which often involve the change of use or conversion of previously developed land and buildings. This will indirectly help to reduce pressure for development on greenfield sites helping to protect soil and agricultural land.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Whilst the redevelopment of existing buildings will help to reduce energy use from construction of new build and new builds could be built to higher energy efficiency standards, it is considered that the policy	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						in itself will have a limited contribution to this objective.		
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy supports the development of HMOs that do not result in the loss of or impact on the amenity of the area as a consequence of increased traffic, noise or general disturbance and requires compliance with the relevant design and amenity standards in policy D1. In addition, the policy seeks to protect areas from the impacts of an over-concentration of HMOs, restricting the level	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						of HMOs permitted within particular distances.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy does not support the development of HMOs that would result in the loss of or impact on the amenity of the area as a consequence of development and requires compliance with the relevant amenity standards in policy D1.</p> <p>In addition, the policy seeks to protect areas from the impacts of an over-concentration of HMOs, restricting the number of HMOs permitted within particular distances (not applicable to HMOs allowed through permitted development rights).</p>	<p>It is considered that appropriate mitigation is included within the policy to address any issues that may arise in terms of local environmental quality. In addition, PfE policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.</p>	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy makes limited contribution to this objective in itself, however when read as a whole policy H1 requires that all residential development is sustainably located and</p>	<p>No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that</p>	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network						accessible by active travel and public transport.	address promoting sustainable transport choices.	
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective in itself, however when read as a whole policy H1 requires that all residential development is sustainably located and accessible by active travel and public transport. In addition, the policy seeks to support appropriate HMOs within Oldham Town Centre, recognising the central location is well suited to HMOs.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the development of suitable HMOs therefore addressing a particular housing need which could help to promote wider regeneration and reduce deprivation and disparity.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy supports appropriate HMOs within Oldham Town Centre, recognising the central location is well suited to HMOs. The policy does not support the development of HMOs that would result in the loss of or impact on the amenity of the area as a consequence of development and requires compliance with the relevant amenity standards in policy D1.</p> <p>In addition, the policy seeks to protect areas from the impacts of an over-concentration of HMOs, restricting the level</p>	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						of HMOs permitted within particular distances.		
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports the development of suitable HMOs which are a key source of housing for a variety of groups, including those in need of semi-supported housing, those in need of temporary housing, key workers and those in need of affordable housing, thus diversifying the borough's housing land supply.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy supports the development of suitable HMOs, many of which are likely to be through the	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
management of minerals						reuse of existing buildings through conversion and change of use. This will indirectly help reduce pressure on the need for a higher amount of minerals for new development.		
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy supports the development of suitable HMOs which are a key source of housing for a variety of groups, including those in need of semi-supported housing, those in need of temporary housing, key workers and those in need of affordable housing, thus directly contributing to this objective.</p> <p>The policy also requires that applications for HMOs provide a Statement of Community Engagement and Impact Assessment.</p>	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective further.	None

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positives, positives and neutrals. No negative scores were given and no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage there has been a change to an IA score to ensure consistency with scores given to other housing policies which relate to housing for housing need groups. IA8 has changed from neutral to positive – the policy seeks to ensure high quality development of HMOs - access to quality housing is a key determinant of health and well-being. As such, it is considered that the policy has an indirect positive contribution to this objective and so the score should be changed for all time periods (with effects scored as permanent and the scale as local).

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

Policy H7: Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	To P	Local or Cross-boundary			
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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited contribution to this objective. The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to support the provision of sites suitable for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople which is in line	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place						with other Local Plan policies, including design and heritage policies. The policy also includes criteria to ensure appropriate screening and landscaping, as such the policy has a positive contribution to this objective		
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has limited contribution to this objective. However, the policy does seek to support the provision of sites suitable for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople which is in line with other Local Plan policies, including design policies.	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the provision of sites suitable for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, which will ensure that housing land is used effectively in meeting local housing needs, and as such contributes to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that applications for provision must have safe access points and parking facilities; are located within or near existing settlements with access to key services and public transport; has access to or can be linked to appropriate infrastructure that is required for occupiers including water, sewage, power and drainage.	No mitigation required. Where appropriate planning conditions or obligations will be used to secure the necessary infrastructure required to mitigate impacts of the development on existing provision, as set out in Policy IN2.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective, although access to suitable, quality housing	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						is a key determinant of health and well-being.	infrastructure address health and well-being.	
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy requires that applications for provision must protect the residential amenity and safety of current and future occupiers and neighbouring uses and must have safe access and provision for onsite parking, turning and servicing, as well as access to infrastructure and services. In addition, sites for Travelling Showpeople will also be required to demonstrate that there is	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						safe access for larger vehicles, and the proposed use is compatible with surrounding land uses.		
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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy indirectly contributes to this objective as it requires that provision is located near or within existing settlements with public transport, local services and facilities accessible to the development. It also ensures that there is safe and convenient vehicular and pedestrian access to the road network. However, the policy's impact is limited.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy contributes to this objective as it requires that provision is located near or within existing settlements with public transport, local services and facilities accessible to the development. It also ensures that there is safe	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						and convenient pedestrian access to the road network.		
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy supports the development of suitable provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, therefore addressing a particular housing need which could help to promote wider regeneration and reduce deprivation and disparity.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy supports suitable sites for Travelling Showpeople which can support the wider economy; however, it is considered that the impact is limited on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill							and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly supports the development of suitable provision for a housing need group, thus diversifying the borough's housing land supply.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are temporary or permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 yrs)	MT (5-10 yrs)	LT (10+ yrs)	T o P	Local or Cross-boundary			
management of minerals								
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy supports the development of suitable provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, which are a housing need group, thus directly contributing to this objective.</p> <p>The policy also requires provision is integrated into the community by ensuring provision is located within sustainable locations and protects residential amenity of neighbouring uses (such as other housing).</p>	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective further.	None

The policy scored a mixture a positives and neutrals. No negative scores were given and no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

Between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage there has been a minor change to the score for IA objective 3 – on reflection it is considered that the policy could have a positive impact on this objective, and as such the score has been changed from neutral to positive.

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