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Policy C1 – Our Centre’s

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA 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 needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In	None

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accessible open spaces						contribution on this IA objective.	addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres, taking advantage of each centres unique character.	No mitigation needed. 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 and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres, taking advantage of each centres unique character.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the vitality and viability of our centres, taking account of the unique character of each centre.	No mitigation needed. 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 sets out our centres hierarchy and states that the emphasis will be on our centres providing a strong convenience function. It also states that as well as a retail function the centres will be complemented by a range of other town centre uses and housing.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this	There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None

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supporting infrastructure to meet development needs						IA objective. However, the centres will have a range of facilities and uses within them that will help meet development needs.	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 states that as well as a retail function the centres will be complemented by a range of other town centre uses, this includes fitness centres and gyms. In addition, centres act as a hub for residents which is important for social interaction.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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
to the effects 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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
renewable and low carbon energy								
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	By ensuring that there are convenient facilities near people's homes in the form of Local Shopping Parades will reduce the need to travel which in turn will help improve air quality.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality	No mitigation needed. 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
environmental quality						of our centres and taking advantage of each centres unique character.		
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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 sets out our centres hierarchy and states that the emphasis will be	No mitigation needed. 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
reduce the need to travel						on our centres providing a strong convenience function so that the need to travel is minimised for our residents. In addition, by ensuring that there are convenient facilities near people's homes in the form of Local Shopping Parades will reduce the need to travel.		
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres to ensure their long-term success. Doing this will promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity 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
						disparity as money will be being spent in our centres and jobs provided. Regeneration of our centres will take some time therefore the positive effects will increase overtime.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres to ensure their long-term success. Doing this will mean that jobs are created in our centres and economic growth will happen. Regeneration of our centres and increased job creation within will take some time	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						therefore the positive effects will increase overtime.		
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	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres to ensure their long-term success.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C2 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres to ensure their long-term success, it also says a range of town centre uses will be permitted which	No mitigation needed. 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
						includes tourism and leisure uses.		
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 states that range of town centres uses will be permitted including housing. This will contribute to our housing land supply.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited	No mitigation needed. The Waste 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
sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy						contribution on this IA objective.		
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres to ensure their long-term success, it also says a range of uses will be supported which will promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positives and significantly positive scores. Some effects were cross boundary, but the majority were local.

Since the Draft Plan the policy has been revised, and the policy includes Local Shopping Parades as part of the hierarchy and states that they will contribute towards vibrant communities by providing convenient facilities near people's homes, reducing the need to travel. Due to this the following amendment have been made:

- IA14 is now positive rather than neutral as reducing the need to travel will have a positive effect on air quality.

No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA.

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

Policy C2 – Protecting the vitality of our centres

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA 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 needed. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective in terms of outdoor open	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition,	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						space provision, however it could support indoor sports, recreation and fitness provision.	PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 aims to ensure that centre uses are located within our centres which helps to ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner.	No mitigation needed. 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 will help achieve this objective by ensuring our centres have a strong retail function, complemented by a broad range of other services and facilities, including leisure and community uses all of which will	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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						support development needs.		
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help achieve this objective by supporting centre uses including sports, fitness and recreation facilities to locate in our centres which will help reduce health inequalities.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
climate change								
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective, however, ensuring centre uses are located in our centres will reduce the need to travel and therefore have a secondary effect with improved air quality.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out that centre uses should be located in our centres which will reduce the need to travel as these are our most accessible locations.	No mitigation needed. 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 this objective by encouraging centre uses to be located within the borough's centres which will support their regeneration. In addition, the policy states that impact assessments must take	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity 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
						into account the likely effects of development on any appropriate plans or projects that facilitate the regeneration of the borough's centres, this will help to promote the regeneration of our centres.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy supports this objective by encouraging centre uses to be located within the borough's centres which will support their regeneration and therefore promote economic growth within our centres.	No mitigation needed. 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres by ensuring centre uses are located in our centres unless the	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1, C3 and 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
Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						council is satisfied by an impact assessment or a sequential test that they are can be suitably located elsewhere.		
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to ensure centre uses (including leisure facilities) are located in our centres unless the council is satisfied by an impact assessment or a sequential test that they are can be suitably located elsewhere.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
meet local housing needs								
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the viability and vitality of our centres by ensuring centre uses are located in our centres which will promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a large number of neutrals due to the specific and technical nature of the policy. In addition, there were also a mixture of positives and significantly positive scores. Some effects were cross boundary, but the majority were local.

No substantial changes were made to the policy between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage other than the policy number and name changing. Therefore, the IA has remained the same in terms of scoring.

No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA.

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

Policy C3 – Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA 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 needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address his 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy states that proposals will be required to positively restore and/or enhance the character and appearance of frontages and make a positive contribution to vitality, viability and diversity of our centres.	No mitigation needed. 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 states that proposals will be required to positively restore and/or enhance the character and appearance of frontages and make a positive contribution to vitality, viability and diversity of our centres. Many of our centres	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						have heritage assets.		
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy states that proposals will be required to positively restore and/or enhance the character and appearance of the frontage and be of a scale and type of use appropriate to the size and function of the centre.	No mitigation needed. 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 aims to ensure that our centres meet a wide range of local needs and will be complemented by a broad range of other services and facilities, this will help ensure land and buildings are used in an	No mitigation needed. 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
						effective and efficient manner. In addition, it sets out that new homes will be supported in our centres which is also maximising the use of brownfield land.		
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy states that the centres will have a range of facilities and uses within them that will help meet development needs.	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 states that the role of our centres is important in meeting a wide range of local needs will be protected and enhanced, our	No mitigation needed. 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
						centres act as a hub for residents which is important for social interaction.		
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
contaminated land								
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective, however ensuring local services and facilities are	No mitigation needed. 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
						located in appropriate locations will reduce the need to travel and therefore have secondary effects with improved air quality.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy states that proposals will be required to positively restore and/or enhance the character and appearance of frontages and make a positive contribution to vitality, viability and diversity of our centres. The policy also aims to restrict an overconcentration of uses such as hot food take aways and gambling uses	No mitigation needed. 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
						which could also improve local environmental quality.		
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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to ensure that our centres meet a wide range of local needs and will be	No mitigation needed. 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
the need to travel						complemented by a broad range of other services and facilities, by co-locating these services in our centres will help reduce the need to travel.		
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims for the successful functioning of the centres, and our centres are an integral part of the borough providing everyday needs, the ability to socialise and engage in cultural activities. Their success will promote regeneration. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity 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
						increase over time.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aims for the successful functioning of the centres. Achieving this will mean that jobs are created in our centres and economic growth will happen. Regeneration and therefore job creation takes time. It is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. 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	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to ensure that change of use and redevelopments within our centres will be carefully managed to ensure that they support, rather	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1, C2 and 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
Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						than detract from, the successful functioning of the centres and their ability to meet local needs. This will protect and enhance the vitality and viability of our centres.		
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aims to ensure that our centres meet a wide range of local needs and will be complemented by a broad range of other services and facilities including leisure facilities.	No mitigation needed. 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 will not make a strong contribution to the objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy states that in relation to	No mitigation needed. 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
housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs						the borough's other centres the provision of homes will generally be supported when it is demonstrated the residential use will not be detrimental to the vitality and viability of the centre. It is recognised that the contribution some of our centres will make to our housing land supply will be limited. Policy OTC1 deals with housing in Oldham Town Centre.	on housing address this objective.	
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to ensure that our centres meet a wide range of local needs and will be complemented by a broad range of other services and facilities, including the provision of homes, which will promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positives and significantly positive scores. Some effects were cross boundary, but the majority were local.

No changes were made to the policy between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage other than a cross reference to Policy LE1 being added to the policy for clarity. Therefore, the IA has remained the same in terms of scoring, taking into account amendments to IA objectives 1 and 13.

No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA.

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

Policy C4 – Local Services and Facilities

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA 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 needed. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective in terms of outdoor open space provision; however it could	No mitigation needed. 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
						support small scale indoor sports, recreation and fitness provision as these fall into the Use Class Order E.		
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 will have a limited contribution to this IA objective, however the policy does recognise that locally available services contribute towards vibrant communities which can help foster a sense of place.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
assets and their setting								
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 aims to ensure that local services and facilities are located in appropriate locations. This helps to ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner.	No mitigation needed. 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 will help achieve this objective by supporting local services and facilities which include medical facilities, sports and recreation facilities and creches, all of which will	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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						support development needs.		
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help achieve this objective by supporting local services and facilities that fall within Use Class E which include medical facilities and sports, fitness and recreation facilities which will help reduce health inequalities.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
climate change								
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective, however ensuring local services and facilities are located in appropriate locations will reduce the need to travel and therefore have a knock-on effect with improved air quality.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective; however, the policy does recognise that locally available services contribute towards vibrant communities which could help improve local environmental quality.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network							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	Local	The policy states that locally available services contribute towards vibrant communities by providing convenient facilities near people's homes, reducing the need to travel and providing a valuable service for less mobile	No mitigation needed. 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
						members of the community.		
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help achieve this by facilitating the development of local shops, services and facilities which will promote regeneration.	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy recognises that locally available services can contribute towards vibrant communities which can contribute toward economic growth.	No mitigation needed. 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	The policy protects and enhances our centres as it has thresholds in relation to local shops and services to ensure that larger scale developments are directed to our centres.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C3 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
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. 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
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy recognises that locally available services contribute towards vibrant communities which can help promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positives and significantly positive scores. Some effects were cross boundary, but the majority were local.

Some changes were made to the policy text between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage, particularly around the inclusion of Local Shopping Parades, though this did not alter the scorings for this policy. However, on reflection IA14 has been amended from neutral to positive as the policy does (and did at Draft Plan Stage) refer to reducing the need to travel and this will have a knock-on effect with improved air quality.

No mitigation or enhancements to the policy was required because of the IA.

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