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Policy OTC1 - Oldham Town Centre

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 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 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 needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature and OTC4 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 to this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1, CO2 and OTC4 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure development in Oldham Town Centre follow a set of principles.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None

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of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place						This includes ensuring development reflects the distinctive role of the town centre and positively responds to key landmarks and views and the incorporation of cycling and walking links in a way that supports active travel and helps to define and enhance local character and sense of place.		
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure the enhancement of Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area to contribute to its removal from Historic England's heritage at risk register. In addition, the policy states that the re-use of existing listed buildings on Union Street will make space for live performance, including a new theatre and home for Oldham Coliseum,	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 – HE5 and OTC2 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None

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						and the Prudential Building will be renovated to create innovative and flexible office space aimed at attracting creative and digital businesses to Oldham.		
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre and the principles expected include high-density, high-quality and sustainable development that reflects the distinctive role of the town centre. These will help promote high quality design.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 – D4 and OTC3 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	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre and the principles expected include high-density,	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

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manner, maximising the use of brownfield land						<p>high-quality and sustainable development that reflects the distinctive role of the town centre.</p> <p>In addition, the policy states that the re-use of existing listed buildings on Union Street will make space for live performance, including a new theatre and home for Oldham Coliseum, and the Prudential Building will be renovated to create innovative and flexible office space aimed at attracting creative and digital businesses to Oldham. This will also help to achieve this objective. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.</p>		

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs by supporting the development of a low carbon district heat network, that will extract heat from water in disused mines underneath the town centre and through the provision of incorporation of cycling, wheeling and walking links.	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 will help achieve this objective by the incorporation of cycling and walking links, and improved wayfinding, to create and contribute to, enhanced permeability and connectivity, in a way that supports active travel, improving health and well-being.	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

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
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 to this 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 to this 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The delivery of over 1,000 homes in Oldham Town Centre will ensure a large amount of brownfield land is remediated and brought back into use, helping to meet this plan 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will help to achieve this by supporting the development of a low	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
the use of renewable and low carbon energy						carbon district heat network, that will extract heat from water in disused mines underneath Oldham Town Centre to create a low carbon power source that will help deliver our ambitions for carbon neutrality.		
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 to this 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

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will improve air quality through ways such as delivery of a low carbon district heat network.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre – in doing so the local environmental quality will be improved. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help achieve this objective by the incorporation of	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside	None

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network						cycling and walking links, and improved wayfinding, to create and contribute to, enhanced permeability and connectivity, in a way that supports active travel, improving health and well-being.	Policies T1-5 and 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	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre – in doing so the town centre will have over 1,000 new homes with access to a retail core, a cultural and creative quarter, an incubation space and an educational quarter.	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	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in	None

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity						regenerate Oldham Town Centre. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. A regenerated town centre will create jobs and bring in sustainable economic growth. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 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 seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	No mitigation needed. PfE 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

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill								
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. This includes a cultural and creative quarter, which it says will be the focus for our night-time and visitor economy, providing an improved food and drink offer, expanded entertainment and leisure sector and cultural attraction. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. This includes an educational quarter which will remain home to high-quality	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						further and higher education establishments.		
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 enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. This includes the development of over 1,000 homes which will contribute to providing a sustainable housing land supply.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive	+	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance, redevelop and regenerate Oldham Town Centre. In	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and	None

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	ST (< years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
sustainable communities						achieving this, the town centre will have over 1,000 new homes with access to a retail core, a cultural and creative quarter, an incubation space, and an educational quarter. This will all contribute towards promoting mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities. Regeneration takes time and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.	design aim to address this objective.	

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positives and significantly positive scores. Some effects were cross boundary, due to the fact Oldham Town Centre attracts people from outside of the borough, but the majority were local. Some of the effects went from positive to significantly positive over time due to the fact that regeneration can be a lengthy process and therefore it is assumed that the positive effects will increase over time.

Since Draft Plan stage the policy has been amended to remove some duplication with the other Oldham Town Centre policies. As a result IA1, IA2, IA9 and IA13 have been amended from positive scores to neutral scores. In addition, on reflection IA3 has been amended from a positive to a significantly positive score.

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

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

Policy OTC2 – Protecting and Enhancing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area

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	Local	<p>The policy encourages the introduction of appropriate multi-functional greening and landscaping. This should result in increased multi-functional green infrastructure including biodiversity over the plan period.</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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy allows for new interventions in public realm which could include open spaces and encourages the introduction of appropriate multi-functional greening and landscaping.	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 townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to protect and enhance the character and townscapes within Oldham Town Centre conservation area through a number of criteria. This will strengthen sense of place and distinctiveness.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to protect and enhance Oldham Town Centre	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies	None

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environment, heritage assets and their setting						conservation area, which is on Heritage at risk register. This includes a number of listed assets as well as the conservation area.	JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires development to carefully consider and reflect the character and appearance of the conservation area through high quality design of an appropriate scale, density, height, form, massing, layout, plot position, materials, colours, composition and detailed design.	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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages developments to	No mitigation needed. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies	None

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used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land						secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets to prevent their decay and dereliction. This will ensure that land and buildings are used efficiently.	JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy may support new infrastructure and as part of that ensure it is appropriate given the conservation area and seek to improve wayfinding, but it is not the policy aim to ensure adequate supporting infrastructure to support new development.	No mitigation needed. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to enhance the conservation area through engaging	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies C06 and CO7 and policies on green	None

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reduce health inequalities						the public, improving wayfinding and introducing multi-functional greening. These interventions should have a positive impact on 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 encourages the introduction of multi-functional greening and landscaping however it is not the focus of the policy to mitigate flood risk.	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 impact on this 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will contribute towards this	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2	None

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most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land						objective as it supports development proposals where they secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets to prevent their decay and dereliction. This will indirectly reduce pressure of greenfield land and protect soils.	of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although there may be energy savings associated with avoiding demolition and redevelopment the policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	PfE policies JP-S2, 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages the introduction of multi-functional greening and landscaping,	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective	None

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the effects of climate change						which should provide cooling and habitats for biodiversity.	include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre and in doing so indirectly it is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to live alongside working and spending recreational time. The policy also aims to improve way finding therefore creating a more accessible and user-friendly environment to encourage walking and cycling and encourages greening. All	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None

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						these interventions should indirectly have a positive impact on air quality.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy includes criteria which will help improve environmental quality including to secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets to prevent their decay and dereliction, and include positive interventions to improve the condition of buildings, or reverse inappropriate alterations; and improve active uses at ground floor level; ensure high quality shopfronts are	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None

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						installed and that adverts are of a quality and design appropriate to the conservation area.		
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	-	-	-	Permanent	Local	The policy supports development that improves wayfinding into and around the conservation area and between key transport links however it is not in itself aiming to improve the transport system.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside 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	It is considered that the policy will indirectly contribute towards this objective as the policy aims to enhance Oldham	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

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						Town centre and in doing so it is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to live, work and spend recreational time therefore promoting accessibility to key services and reducing the need to travel. The policy also aims to secure the viable reuse of vacant heritage assets which could be used for key services.		
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre and in doing so it is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

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						live, work and spend recreational time therefore assisting in regeneration and reducing deprivation.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to enhance Oldham Town centre, including through measures such as securing viable uses and supporting temporary uses. It is hoped that the centre will be a place where people want to live, work and spend recreational time. Indirectly this should help promote sustainable economic growth.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None

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20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to protect and enhance Oldham Town Centre through a range of measures which should remove the conservation area from the heritage at risk register and consequently enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre.	No mitigation needed. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aims to protect and enhance Oldham Town Centre through a range of measures including supporting viable uses and engaging the public. Enhancing the centre and better defining the conservation	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

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						area should have a positive impact on tourism and leisure in the centre.		
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although the policy aims to engage the public through measures such as public art the policy is not likely to improve education attainment and skill levels.	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 promotes the reuse of heritage assets which may be used for housing, but it is not the focus of the policy to provide a sustainable housing land supply.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy promotes the reuse of heritage	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

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management of minerals						assets which may reduce the pressure for minerals.		
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a neutral impact.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to improve wayfinding and to engage the community therefore the policy should help achieve this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutrals, positives and significantly positive scores.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stages only a footnote has been added to the policy and therefore no scoring changes have been made to the IA. Some text changes have been made to the IA to reflect policy wording changes as a result of the IA from the Draft Plan (multi-functional added) however this has not affected the scores.

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

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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
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1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that will ensure the introduction of trees, soft planting and landscaping to create a greener, cooler and biodiverse town centre. This will help to protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network.</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 requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that will ensure	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space.	None

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						the introduction of trees, soft planting and landscaping in appropriate locations and creating areas where the public may stop and dwell, providing opportunities for play and leisure. Both of these may help to promote quality and accessible open spaces.	In 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 requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that will respond positively to the wider landscape, and views and vistas and integrate public art that reflects the local character and distinctiveness of the town centre. Both of these principles will help to achieve 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,	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that will	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
heritage assets and their setting						celebrate Oldham's unique backdrop, responding positively to the wider landscape, and views and vistas. This will help to achieve this IA objective.	P2 address the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that will help meet this IA objective, including providing for a simple and uncluttered environment, the integration of public art and that the public realm be designed for all to feel welcome, comfortable and safe.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and P1E 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 requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that ensure the use of robust and durable materials that promote cost effective and sustainable maintenance to ensure long-term quality. This will help ensure land and	No mitigation needed. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and P1E 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
						buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner.		
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a positive impact on this objective as it requires the provision of high-quality public realm in Oldham Town Centre, which could be considered as supporting infrastructure.	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 requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that provide a functional and accessible streetscape, are designed for all to feel welcome and at appropriate locations opportunities should be taken to create areas where the public may stop and dwell, providing opportunities for play and leisure, and encouraging social interaction for all	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
						ages. These principles will help to improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities.		
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that introduce trees, soft planting, and landscaping in appropriate locations to create a greener, cooler and biodiverse town centre and to explore the delivery of sustainable drainage solutions. These will help to minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC2 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC3 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	None
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	--	--	--	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	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land							Plan address soil and contaminated land.	
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that introduce trees, soft planting, and landscaping in appropriate locations to create a greener, cooler and biodiverse town centre which can help ensure that communities are resilient to the effects of climate change.	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	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that introduce trees, soft planting, and landscaping in appropriate locations to create a greener, cooler and biodiverse town	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
						centre which can help to protect and improve air quality.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that will help meet this IA objective, including providing for a simple and uncluttered environment, the integration of public art, creating areas for people to stop and dwell and ensuring that the public realm be designed for all to feel welcome, comfortable and safe.	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 choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that provide a functional and accessible streetscape and create a spatial hierarchy of routes through, and around, the town centre that are easy to understand. This will help to meet 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
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective, though it is acknowledged that making the environment feel safer, with overlooking onto routes, may encourage people to use active travel and reduce the need to travel by car.	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 will help improve the quality of public realm in Oldham Town Centre, which will help 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution on this IA objective.	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,	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will ensure a high-quality public realm is located in Oldham Town Centre, helping to protect and enhance the	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						vitality and viability of the centres, by creating more walkable, uncluttered, safe environments and encouraging dwell time within them.	well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that encourage dwell time and providing opportunities for play and leisure and encouraging social interaction for all ages. This will help to increase opportunities for leisurely activities.	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

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
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 requires new public realm in Oldham Town Centre to follow principles that are designed for all to feel welcome, comfortable and safe and provide a functional and accessible streetscape. These will help to contribute towards more inclusive 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 positives and neutrals, with no negatives. No mitigation or enhancements were required to the policy as a result of the IA process.

Since Draft Plan stage, this policy has been amended, it now includes five more principles that are concerned with safety and lighting, sustainable drainage solutions, public art, opportunities for play and leisure and landscapes, views and vistas. As a result of these amendments:

- IA9 has increased from a positive in the short and medium term to a significantly positive

- IA13 and IA14 have been amended since the Draft Plan as on reflection it is not felt that the positive benefits of the policy would increase over time therefore, they score positive from short to long term.
- IA16 has been amended from significantly positive to positive
- IA26 has changed from a neutral to a positive.

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

Policy OTC4 – Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy focus is on creating and enhancing multi-functional Green Infrastructure within and around the town centre which would provide benefits such as enhanced habitats for biodiversity. The policy also refers to nature network opportunities.</p> <p>However, it was noted that the policy does not actually state 'multi-functional'.</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>First sentence of policy could state 'multi-functional' for clarity.</p> <p>In addition, Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p>	Added multi-functional into the first sentence of the policy.
2. To promote quality and	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy focus is on creating and enhancing	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
accessible open spaces						Green Infrastructure within and around the town centre including open spaces, such as Tommyfield Park.	of the Local Plan address open space. In 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	+	+	+	Permannet	Local	The policy will introduce new green infrastructure within and around the town centre. The town centre has very little green space and so the introduction of green infrastructure should enhance the townscapes and sense of place.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 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 should indirectly enhance the historic environment of Oldham Town Centre through introducing green infrastructure and public realm.	No mitigation needed. 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 focus is on creating and enhancing Green Infrastructure within and around the town centre including as part of new developments so this will contribute towards high quality design.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to 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
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Indirectly introducing green infrastructure within and around the centre will help make sure that this land is being used for multi purposes such as encouraging active travel and climate change resilience. Enhancing the centre will also make the centre more attractive as a place to live helping to direct people to higher density areas.	No mitigation needed. 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	Protecting, creating and enhancing green infrastructure will ensure that this type of infrastructure is implemented to support new development proposals.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. 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	Protecting, creating and enhancing green infrastructure will encourage healthier lifestyles and will provide	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies C06 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
						benefits such as cooling. In a part of the borough where health deprivation is high this will have a positive impact.	address health and well-being.	
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy encourages the use of nature-based solutions and sustainable drainage systems to manage surface water flood risk in the town centre.</p> <p>However, it was noted that the policy could make reference to 'multi-functional' green infrastructure for clarity.</p>	<p>It is considered that adding 'multi-functional' before green infrastructure will also emphasise this.</p> <p>In addition, PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.</p>	Added multi-functional into the first sentence of the policy.
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy encourages green roofs, walls and nature-based solutions. Measures such as these will help slow the flow of water and therefore safeguard water resources.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-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,	--	--	--	Permanent	Local	Green Infrastructure will be introduced however it may not restore existing soil quality.	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
and remediate 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 limited impact on this objective.	Mitigation not 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy will ensure green infrastructure is created as part of new developments, which will provide cooling preventing heat exhaustion and providing flood risk mitigation, efficient use of water and habitats for biodiversity. This will help ensure users of the town centre are resilient to climate change. The policy also seeks to create nature networks.</p> <p>However, it was noted that the policy could make reference to 'multi-functional' green infrastructure for clarity.</p>	<p>It is considered that adding 'multi-functional' before green infrastructure will also emphasise this.</p> <p>In addition, 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.</p>	Added multi-functional into the first sentence of the policy.

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy aim is to create and enhance green infrastructure which will capture carbon and help improve air quality as well as encouraging active travel which will help reduce emissions from a reduction in the use of private based vehicles. This should improve air quality over the plan period.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy aims to create and enhance green infrastructure which will improve local environmental quality within and around the centre.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy refers to the Oldham Greenway movement strategy and encourages the creation of active travel routes across the town centre and linking to Northern Roots, Oldham Edge and strategic allocations.	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
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 aims to enhance green infrastructure within and between the town centre, which has a number of key services, and strategic allocations which include employment therefore this should assist in promoting accessibility and reducing the need to travel by making the town centre a more attractive place to live.	No mitigation needed. PfE 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 should make a significant contribution towards regeneration of the town centre and surrounding areas through enhancing the environment and improving active travel routes.	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 should make a significant contribution towards regeneration of the town centre and	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and	None

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						surrounding areas through enhancing green infrastructure, which should have positive secondary and cumulative effects on economic growth.	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	Creating and enhancing green infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre will help enhance the centre overall which will improve its vitality and viability.	No mitigation needed. PfE 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Creating and enhancing green infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre will help enhance the centre overall which will improve its attractiveness as a place to visit, particularly through supporting active travel routes that link the town centre to Northern Roots.	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

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22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 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 assist in ensuring high quality homes are built but it does not in itself provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of housing.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help make Oldham Town Centre a place where people want to live and spend leisure time therefore helping to create mixed and inclusive communities.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design also aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutrals, positives and significantly positive scores.

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage the policy was updated to reflect the latest Oldham Town Centre Framework. It was noted during the IA that the policy did not explicitly refer to 'multi-functional' Green Infrastructure and therefore the first sentence of the policy was amended to enhance it to refer to 'multi-functional'. This is reflected in IA1, IA9 and IA13. This amendment did not affect scoring.

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.