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Policy IN1 – Digital Infrastructure and Telecommunications

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on 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 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	<p>It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.</p>	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
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes,	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy has a positive impact on this objective through criteria 2, which ensures that the siting, height and design of the equipment will not cause harm to the character and appearance of</p>	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None

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maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place						the area in which it is located, including the significance and setting of historic assets. This will help to protect the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes.		
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy has a positive impact on this objective through criteria 2 that ensures that the siting, height and design of the equipment will not cause harm to the character and appearance of the area in which it is located. Including the significance and setting of historic assets. This will help to protect the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes.	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 has a positive impact on this objective through criteria 2 that ensures that the siting, height and design of the equipment will not cause harm to the character and appearance of the area in which it is located, this helps to promote high quality design.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

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6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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 has a positive impact on this objective as the expansion of digital infrastructure and telecommunications equipment will be key to extending and improving digital connectivity across the borough, including to the new homes that will be provided.	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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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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9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on 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	It is considered that the policy has 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 most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address	None

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biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change							this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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 has a positive impact on this objective through criteria on highway safety and appearance.	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	--	--	--	Permanent	Local	It is considered that the policy will have a limited contribution on this 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

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the protection of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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 has a positive impact on this objective as the expansion of digital infrastructure and telecommunications equipment will be key to extending and improving digital connectivity across the borough, reaching areas it may not have reached previously. This will help to reduce disparity levels.	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 has a positive impact on this objective as the expansion of digital infrastructure and telecommunications equipment will be key to extending and improving digital connectivity across the borough, including to businesses. This will help increase productivity and	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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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						promote sustainable economic growth and job creation.		
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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on	None

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sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs							housing address this objective.	
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has 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 has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positives, positives and mostly neutrals, given its specific nature. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were made as a result of the IA.

No changes were made to the policy between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage. Therefore, the majority of the IA has remained the same in terms of scoring. However, on reflection the following amendments were made:

- IA4 has been amended from significantly positive to positive as the policy will protect the historic environment but not enhance it.
- IA7 has been amended from neutral to positive as it is felt that the provision of the digital infrastructure and telecommunications equipment will support existing homes and the new homes that will be provided over the lifetime of the plan.
- IA15 has been amended from neutral to positive as criterions include issues affecting local environmental quality.
- IA16 has been amended from positive to neutral as the policy won't promote an integrated transport system it only makes sure that the highway is not affected by proposals.
- IA18 and IA19 have been amended from neutral to positive as it is felt that the provision of the digital infrastructure and telecommunications equipment will contribute towards reducing levels of deprivation and disparity and the promotion of sustainable economic growth and job creation.

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 IN2 – Planning Obligations

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include green infrastructure, in line with other local plan policies.</p> <p>In site-specific circumstances the policy allows for a reduction in the level of planning obligations sought, where it is not viable and only where criterion 1-3 in the policy are met. This could reduce the impact of planning obligations on this</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p>	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						<p>objective, however the extent to which is unknown.</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>		
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include open space, in line with other local plan policies.</p> <p>In site-specific circumstances the policy allows for a reduction in the level of planning obligations sought, where it is not viable</p>	<p>No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.</p>	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						and only where criterion 1-3 in the policy are met. This could reduce the impact of planning obligations on this objective, however the extent to which is unknown.		
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 ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include planning obligations related to green infrastructure provision could have an indirect positive impact on landscape and townscape.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 addresses this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment,	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities,	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 also	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
heritage assets and their setting						beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include planning obligations related to green infrastructure provision could have an indirect positive impact on the historic environment, including settings.	address the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include planning obligations related to housing provision, green infrastructure, open space, highways and	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 also address design.	None

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						infrastructure which could have an indirect positive impact on design.		
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies H2 and H3 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. It also sets out that planning obligations will be sought to secure the ongoing maintenance and management of provision where necessary.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that also address infrastructure.	None

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8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include health facilities and open spaces (access to open space is a key determinant of health and wellbeing).</p> <p>In site-specific circumstances the policy allows for a reduction in the level of planning obligations sought, where it is not viable and only where criterion 1-3 in the policy are met. This could reduce the impact of planning obligations on this objective, however the extent to which is unknown.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.</p>	None

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9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include green infrastructure and specific flood mitigation infrastructure such as SUDs, which can provide multi-functional benefits.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and policies CC2 and CC3 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include green infrastructure,	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

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						which can impact on water bodies.		
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. However, as this is dependent on the individual site, the impact of the policy on this objective is unknown and likely to be limited.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4	None

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biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change						demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include green infrastructure and flood mitigation infrastructure such as SUDs, which can provide multi-functional benefits including cooling, management of surface water flood risk and water storage, and also providing opportunities for local food production. Thus, increasing green infrastructure over the years which could support this objective. However, this is an indirect contribution.	address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy makes an indirect contribution to this objective as it seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-S5 and Policy LE3 of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None

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						demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include green infrastructure, which can provide multi-functional benefits, including capturing carbon which will help improve air quality. However, this is an indirect contribution.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include green infrastructure and open space which could	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None

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						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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include transport and highways infrastructure, in line with other local plan policies.</p> <p>It is not considered that this objective will be impacted by viability as highways infrastructure is essential in making the development safe.</p>	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside policies T1-T5 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 seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure,	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H2 and	None

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reduce the need to travel						services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include transport infrastructure, health and education provision and open space, which could improve access to services and facilities and reduce the need to travel.	T2 can help achieve this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will help promote regeneration and reduce deprivation by ensuring that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

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19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include social value, in line with other local plan policies. In addition, the policy seeks to ensure the delivery of infrastructure alongside development which promotes sustainable development and can support economic growth.</p> <p>In site-specific circumstances the policy allows for a reduction in the level of planning obligations sought, where it is not viable and only where criterion 1-3 in the policy are met. This</p>	<p>No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.</p>	None

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						could reduce the impact of planning obligations on this objective, however the extent to which is unknown.		
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to deliver new and enhanced infrastructure alongside development which could be located within the borough's centres, which will support their vitality. In line with other local plan policies this could include new or improved open spaces, health and education facilities, affordable housing or transport and highways infrastructure.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will have an indirect positive contribution on this objective as, in line with other local plan policies, it could lead to new provision or the improvement of existing provision for open space and green infrastructure which can support sustainable tourism	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None

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						and leisure. However, this is an indirect contribution.		
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a positive contribution on this objective as it seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include education provision and social value, in line with other local plan policies, which can contribute to improved education attainment and skills levels.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a positive contribution on this objective as it seeks to ensure that where development would increase the need or demand for	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing further address this objective.	None

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and tenures to meet local housing needs						infrastructure, services and facilities, beyond the capacity of existing provision, new provision and/or contributions towards enhancing existing provision will be required. This could include affordable housing, in line with other local plan policies, which can contribute to meeting local housing needs.		
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Minerals Plan addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Waste Plan addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will help promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities by ensuring the delivery of new or enhanced open spaces, including as part of new development,	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to	None

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						which contribute to social interaction, health and wellbeing and community engagement, in line with other local plan policies.	address this objective further.	

The policy scores a mixture of positive, neutral and uncertain. It was noted where the policy seeks to improve and increase infrastructure provision but that it also includes a viability exception for providing the full amount of planning obligations in site specific circumstances, as is required by National Planning Policy. This could reduce the impact of planning obligations on this objective, however the extent to which is unknown as it is dependent on site-specific circumstances and could vary from site to site. No negative scores were given and no mitigation or enhancement to the policy was required as a result of the IA.

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

Policy IN3 - Delivering Social Value and Inclusion

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on 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 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	<p>It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.</p>	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
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.</p>	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place								
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include the consideration of requiring development to create inclusive places in accordance with Policy D1.	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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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 has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include the consideration of how to help reduce inequalities in Oldham, support vulnerable groups and the promotion of opportunities for good mental and physical health and wellbeing.	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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk							the Local Plan address flood risk.	
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has 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 most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on 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	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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 choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include the consideration of ensuring that access arrangements cater for all needs, including maximising opportunities for walking, wheeling and cycling.	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

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include promoting on-site employment and training opportunities to Oldham residents and the utilisation of local supply chains. These requirements along with other policies in the plan will help promote accessibility to local job and training opportunities and reduce the need to travel.	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 has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include promoting on-site employment and training opportunities to Oldham residents. This will help reduce levels of deprivation and disparity in the borough.	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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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include promoting on-site employment and training opportunities to Oldham residents. This will help promote sustainable economic growth and job creation.	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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy has a positive impact on this objective through the use of planning conditions/ obligations on new development to prepare and implement a Social Value Strategy. This should include promoting on-site employment and training opportunities to Oldham residents. This will help improve the skills level of our residents.	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	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this 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	It is considered that the policy has 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 has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5-10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy has a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positives, positives and neutrals. The policy scored significantly positive against several objectives such as 5, 8, 18, 19 and 22. No mitigation or enhancements were required to the policy as a result of the IA.

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

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