

MSC1 – Sustainable Development Principles

Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>Bullet point 2 and 3 make explicit reference to engaging in the democratic process. Point 2 in particular seeks to create 'locally distinctive and vibrant communities'. Obviously to achieve this, a high level of public / democratic participation must take place. The concept of providing services and facilities 'to meet its own needs' will also require significant community involvement. Overall, a significantly positive score has been afforded.</p>
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	<p>One of the primary themes of the policy is to reduce the need to travel and increase accessibility to services and facilities. Bullet point 1 and 3 explicitly emphasize this concept by encouraging a choice of transport modes and ensuring 'appropriate provision' of services.</p> <p>Discussions did note that the term 'appropriate provision' may be subject to scrutiny or mis-interpretation. However, it was considered that 'appropriate' relates to the location of the services dependant on the settlement size. To this extent, the policy should be read in conjunction with Policy MSC2, MSC3 and MSC6. Potential to insert wording similar to that of bullet point 5 to point 3 to firm up emphasis.</p> <p>For example, bullet point 3 would read '<i>Make appropriate provision of services, facilities and infrastructure to meet its own needs consistent with policy MSC2, MSC3 and MSC6</i>'.</p>
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	<p>Although the policy does not explicitly relate to housing, it is considered that there will be cumulative positive effect given the overall aim is to create a 'sustainable community'. The policy makes reference to creating 'locally distinctive' and 'vibrant communities'. These concepts are seen to be inclusive thereby encouraging housing for a range of groups. The policy also references policy EN4 which is concerned with ensuring a high quality design.</p>

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4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. Discussions did note that educational attainment may be increased by locating schools / colleges in 'sustainable' locations or developing sustainable industries. However, the links were deemed too tenuous to merit a relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>It is noted that the policy does not specifically identify the improvement to health facilities. However, on a cumulative scale the policy emphasises the development of 'healthy and vibrant communities'. This is deemed to increase mental well being and an inclusive / caring community.</p> <p>The policy also seeks to uses a variety of modes of transport. This is seen to include bikes and walking which will contribute to healthier lifestyles.</p>
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy explicitly deals with meeting the aspirations of this objective. Bullet point 2 in particular references creating 'distinctive', 'sustainable' and 'vibrant' communities.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	A marginally positive score has been afforded given that the policy specifically references policy EN4 'The design of new development' which defines the protection of the natural environment and biodiversity is a key criteria. It is also considered that in creating a 'healthy' community biodiversity and nature will play a significant role.

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8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	The policy references establishing 'locally distinctive communities'. Since landscape and the natural environment play a significant role in Eden District it is considered that many aspects of 'distinctiveness' will be drawn from nature. The protection of such areas is also likely to contribute to 'healthy' communities.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Marginally positive given the explicit links to policy EN4 'Design' which emphasises development must take cognisance of aesthetics and existing built environment. Reference to 'vibrant' communities also suggests the embracement of the built environment.</p> <p>There is currently deemed to be no relationship with flooding. If the policy specifically referenced policy MSC5 'Flood Risk' there would likely be a positive impact'.</p>
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	Bullet point 4 of the policy explicitly contributes towards this objective, especially on a cumulative and transboundary level. The policy makes note of using renewable energy resources at the construction and operation of development. Policy also references policy EN4 which emphasises the use of sustainable construction and locally sourced materials.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship</p> <p>It was noted that the policy does not explicitly relate to the sustainable use of water.</p> <p>A positive score would be afforded by inserting '<i>and prudent use of water</i>' at the end of bullet point 4.</p>

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12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Bullet point 4 of the policy explicitly contributes towards this objective. The policy makes note of using prudent use of natural resources. Policy also references policy EN4 which emphasises the use of sustainable construction and locally sourced materials.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. It was discussed that the policy encourages increased accessible and to this extent is likely to create jobs in sustainable locations. There is also potential to create a sustainable development industry sector if Eden District enforces compliance with the policy.
15. To improve access to jobs	<p>Will it reduce need to travel?</p> <p>Will it improve accessibility to work?</p> <p>Will it reduce the effect of congestion?</p> <p>Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Bullet point 1 of the policy explicitly encourages that development is constructed in accessible locations with options of transport modes.

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16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	<p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	The policy does not explicitly encourage investment but it is noted that cumulatively there may be positive impacts in terms of increased tourism and quality of environment (ie making it an attractive district to invest / work in).

Additional commentary:

MSC1 scores well overall with a number of positive relationships identified with social, environmental and economic objectives. A number of significantly positive score's were also attributed to objectives specifically relating to accessibility, creating strong communities, preserving cultural identity and making prudent use of natural resources. It was noted that the policy is very strategic and its very nature is to meet the objectives of the sustainability framework.

The appraisal has shown that there a two points where the policy could be strengthened thereby creating significantly positive relationships.

Mitigation:

- 1- A positive score would be afforded with Objective 11 by inserting '*and prudent use of water*' at the end of bullet point 4.
- 2- Discussions also noted that the term 'appropriate provision' may be subject to scrutiny or mis-interpretation. However, it was considered that 'appropriate' relates to the location of the services dependant on the settlement size. To this extent, the policy should be read in conjunction with Policy MSC2, MSC3 and MSC6. Insert wording similar to that of bullet point 5 to bullet point 3 would firm up this emphasis. For example, bullet point 3 would read '*Make appropriate provision of services, facilities and infrastructure to meet its own needs consistent with policy MSC2, MSC3 and MSC6*'.

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MSC2 A & B and MSC3– Locational Strategy & Rural Settlements and the Rural Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>A marginally positive has been afforded given that the focus of these policies is to create settlements of an appropriate size and ensure the services and facilities which they support are sufficient for their community. It is considered that ensuring this community balance will retain accountability and engage in the democratic process.</p>
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>The hierarchy provided in MSC2a and MSC2b ensure that the majority of new developments, including key services, are concentrated in the key service centers which by their very nature are the most accessible locations in the District. Furthermore, clustering key services will reduce the need to travel between key service centers.</p> <p>Discussions noted that people in rural areas may prefer to have larger services closer to them which this policy resists. However, it was agreed that the small population in the rural areas would not sustain / support the majority of services required and people would travel into the key service centers anyway.</p>
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>The policy explicitly concentrates development of housing in the larger key service centre and where possible on brownfield land / regeneration areas. Locating new homes in these areas should mean they are accessible to jobs.</p> <p>Furthermore, policy MSC3 specifically deals with the issue of developing homes in rural areas. The policy places emphasis on securing affordable homes in the rural areas and authorising development that supports local communities.</p>

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	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
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Sustainable Development Objectives									
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that the strategy encourages new development, including health facilities, to locate in the most accessible locations i.e. the key service centres.
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy explicitly deals with meeting the aspirations of this objective. The cumulative effect of the policies ensures that the communities will be supported by an appropriate scale of development depending on the size of the settlement where they live. The protection of rural communities' cultural identity is also afforded under policy MSC3.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Initial discussions indicated that the scoring with this objective is seen as 'unknown' given any new development may impact on biodiversity. It was discussed that MSCb uses phrases such as 'appropriate scale' and 'encouraging development on brownfield sites' which suggest a steer away from negatively affecting biodiversity. However, this was not fully agreed upon and an uncertain score was afforded. Sufficient Phase 1 investigations must take place prior to the allocation of sites.

MSC2 A & B and MSC3– Locational Strategy & Rural Settlements and the Rural Areas

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Sustainable Development Objectives									
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	<p>Policy MSC2b references 'encouraging regeneration of important brownfield sites'. To this extent, it is considered that it will reduce the amount of derelict / degraded land. Policy MSC3 also notes that that new development should 'protect the open countryside' and 'respect special character' of rural areas.</p> <p>It is considered that Policy MSC3, relating to the rural areas, affords a greater protection to the natural environment therefore scoring significantly positive against the 'rural' framework.</p>
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	<p>MSC3 explicitly references that development should respect special character and sense of place of villages and hamlets. This is seen to be significantly positive in rural areas and viewed positively overall.</p>
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	0	0	X	0	0	<p>Significant discussions were held over this issue. It was noted that the policy emphasises that the majority of new development should be concentrated in the key service centres, which are the most accessible locations in the District. In theory this will cluster developments together and eliminate the need to travel significant distances to reach services / facilities. This should reduce emissions of greenhouse gases from cars.</p> <p>However, it was also noted that the policy does not explicitly reference that development should be located in publicly accessible areas. It only notes that the strategic road network may need to be upgraded.</p> <p>A positive relationship may be afforded if the first sentence is reworded to include accessibility concept: - 'sustained development at accessible locations within defined settlement limits appropriate to that of a large town.</p>

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Sustainable Development Objectives									
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. It was discussed that the policy encourages new employment to be located in the Key Service Centres of Penrith, Alston, Appleby and Kirkby Stephen which are the most accessible areas in the District.
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	As above. A significantly positive score would be attributed if first sentence re-worded according to the mitigation afforded at objective 10. I.E. First sentence is reworded to include accessibility concept: - 'sustained development <u>at accessible locations</u> within defined settlement limits appropriate to that of a large town.

MSC2 A & B and MSC3– Locational Strategy & Rural Settlements and the Rural Areas

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16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy does not explicitly encourage investment but it is noted that cumulatively there may be positive impacts in terms of clustering employment in accessible and suitable areas. The protection of the rural areas against significant development will also protect the tourism trade.

Additional commentary:

MSC2 and MSC3 were grouped and appraised together given that they should be read in conjunction and overall concept is to ensure the appropriate scale of development in the settlement hierarchy.

The policy's scored well with a number of positive relationships identified with social, environmental and economic objectives. Significantly positive relationships were identified with objectives relating to the protection of cultural identity and suitable location of homes / services. There were a number of significantly positive scores attributed on a rural scale given the specific and comprehensive protection afforded to 'rural settlements' under policy MSC3.

Mitigation:

Although no negative relationships were identified discussions did identify a wording change that may lead to more positive or significantly positive scoring against objective 10 and 15. In both circumstances it has been identified that accessibility is not explicitly noted as a key consideration of the location strategy. To this extent the following wording has been suggested:-

First sentence is reworded to include accessibility concept: - 'sustained development at accessible locations within defined settlement limits appropriate to that of a large town.'

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MSC4– The Sequential Approach

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The primary focus of the sequential approach is to concentrate development in the most sustainable locations. This is seen to include the most accessible sites as well as regeneration priorities.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship.</p> <p>It was discussed that point 2 of the policy explicitly encourages development to be located within built up areas thereby being accessible. However, the link was deemed too tenuous.</p>
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

MSC4– The Sequential Approach

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Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that the focus of the policy is to locate development in existing settlements. This will retain local community.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Positive relationship on the grounds that there is a presumption against greenfield development. However, it was also noted that certain brownfield areas may also support significant biodiversity. A habitat survey should be carried out prior to development.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Policy explicitly seeks to steer development away from greenfield locations thereby protecting landscape character and quality.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet points 1 and 2 explicitly make reference to developing on Previously Developed Land. This will increase the quality / appearance of the built environment and complement regeneration.

MSC4– The Sequential Approach

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10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The thrust of the policy is to locate new development in the most sustainable / accessible locations predominately within existing settlement boundaries. Locating homes and services in such areas will therefore explicitly reduce the need to travel.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that bullet point 1 and 2 explicitly encourage the use of brownfield land. This will result in the remediation of soils prior to development taking place.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. It was discussed that the policy encourages new employment to be located in the most accessible locations within existing settlements.

MSC4– The Sequential Approach

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. It was discussed that the policy encourages new employment to be located in the most accessible locations within existing settlements.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy does not explicitly encourage investment but it is noted that cumulatively there may be positive impacts in terms of clustering employment in accessible and suitable locations. The protection of the rural areas against significant development will also protect the tourism trade.

Additional commentary:

Policy MSC4 relating to the sequential selection of development sites scored a number of positive relationships with social, environmental and economic objectives. Significantly positive relationships were identified with objectives relating to the accessibility given that the policy steers development towards 'sustainable locations'. No negative relationships were afforded.

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MSC5– Flood Risk

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)	
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural		Urban
6.	To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
7.	To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
8.	To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
9.	To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. The sub indicator questions of this objective look to measure 'no. of applications using SUDS' and 'properties at risk from flooding'. To this extent the policy is explicitly concerned with meeting the aims of the objective. Significantly positive score has been awarded.

MSC5– Flood Risk

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
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10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

MSC5– Flood Risk

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15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

MSC5 relating to flood risk has been appraised to score a significant number of no relationship scores given the specific nature of the policy. It scored a significantly positive relationship with objective 9 which specifically relates to flood risk. No negative scores were assessed.

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MSC6– Transport and Accessibility

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		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy marginally moves towards the objective on the grounds that it will make the functions of the democratic physically accessible for all. Furthermore, the final bullet point notes the importance of establishing 'community based alternatives to public transport'. Obviously this community or 'grass roots approach' will be firmly bedded in democracy and be subject to rigorous community involvement.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	The policy is explicitly concerned with improving physical accessibility and increasing choice of transport mode. Cumulatively a significant scoring has been attributed.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	The policy clearly seeks to promote development that will reduce reliance on the private car and increase a healthier lifestyle through travel choice. The increased use of cycling and walking will therefore positively contribute towards this objective.

MSC6– Transport and Accessibility

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Cumulatively, the policy will promote inclusiveness for all as the policy seeks to promote high levels of accessibility regardless of age, gender and disability. Furthermore, it is noted that increasing the choices of mode of transport will also contribute towards social inclusion. The final bullet point also places emphasis on the promotion of 'community based alternatives to public transport'. This is also seen to increase community cohesion.</p> <p>It was noted that 'fear of crime' may be an issue for people using public transport or cycle / pathways at night. However, this does not significantly dilute the positive scoring.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>The policy provides a bullet point which ensures that any development proposal relating to transport and accessibility will 'protect or enhance the built and natural environment'. To this extent, a positive score has been awarded.</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	<p>The policy provides a bullet point which ensures that any development proposal relating to transport and accessibility will 'protect or enhance the built and natural environment'. To this extent, a positive score has been awarded.</p>
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	<p>Initial discussions noted that certain aspects of 'improving accessibility' have potential to negatively impact on the built environment. Examples were given where access ramps or lifts may negatively impact on the character of a listed building.</p> <p>However, bullet point 11 caveats that any development proposal relating to transport and accessibility will 'protect or enhance the built and natural environment'. To this extent, a positive score has been awarded.</p>

MSC6– Transport and Accessibility

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Although the policy is concerned with transport and takes cognisance that large parts of the District will remain dominated by private car usage, until public transport becomes a practical or economically viable alternative, the main focus of the policy is to reduce the reliance on the private car.</p> <p>The policy seeks to promote walking, cycling and community based alternatives which will all contribute to reducing air pollution.</p>
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Marginally positive on the grounds that the policy seeks to 'reduce the environmental impact of travel, to conserve energy'. Furthermore, petrol is clearly seen as a mineral resource and any measure to reduce reliance on private transport will positively contribute towards this objective.</p>
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Marginally positive on the grounds that new employment facilities will be built / supplemented by the aspiration of this policy and create accessible environments.</p>

MSC6– Transport and Accessibility

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy is explicitly concerned with meeting this objective. It is seen to contribute significantly towards all of the indicator questions.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	A marginally positive score has been awarded on cumulative grounds. Investment is more likely to come into areas that have good communication links and a clean environment with a choice of transport options. To this extent the policy scores well.

Additional commentary:

MSC6 relating to transport and accessibility has been appraised to score significantly well. The policy is assessed to be comprehensive and takes cognisance of wider social, environmental and economic issues that can be affected by transport. Significantly positive relationships were identified with objectives relating to accessibility to employment / services, reduction of air pollution / congestion and improvement to public health.

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MSC7– Developer Contributions

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	Will it encourage participation in democratic process? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as the policy quite clearly sets out what is reasonable in terms of developer contributions which should inform / empower the public to make informed comments on applications.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	Will it improve accessibility to key services? Will it improve access to facilities?	Y	Y	?	?	X	?	?	The impacts of the policy are assessed to be uncertain. The policy may increase services / facilities depending on the contributions sought.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	Will it improve the quality and location of housing? Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	Y	Y	?	?	X	?	?	The pre text of the policy explicitly references the provision of affordable housing as part of development contributions. However, the actual provision of affordable homes will be dependant on the development proposal. To this extent an uncertain score has been afforded.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will it improve qualifications of children? Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?	Y	Y	?	?	X	?	?	As above.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services? Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people? Will it reduce the need for health benefits?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

MSC7– Developer Contributions

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
6.	To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?							No relationship
		Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	
7.	To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?							No relationship
		Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	X	X	X	X	X	X	
8.	To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?							No relationship
		Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	X	X	X	X	X	X	
9.	To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
		Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	X	X	X	X	X	X	
10.	To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?							No relationship
		Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?	X	X	X	X	X	X	

MSC7– Developer Contributions

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
	Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?								
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste?								No relationship
	Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?								
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs?								No relationship
	Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel?								No relationship
	Will it improve accessibility to work?								
	Will it reduce the effect of congestion?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?								

MSC7– Developer Contributions

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

Additional commentary:

MSC7 is concerned with establishing a policy framework for developer contributions. Overall the policy was viewed favourably for clearly setting out strategic parameters for negotiating development contributions. The appraisal matrix scored a number of 'uncertain' relationships given that planning obligations may result in a number of different outcomes depending on size and nature of the development. Notwithstanding this, the policy is seen as effective in providing a basis to achieve many benefits and also scored positively on democratic / accountability grounds.

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LC1– Principles for Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	Will it encourage participation in democratic process? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
2. To improve access to services and facilities	Will it improve accessibility to key services? Will it improve access to facilities?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The Council are clear that the provision of housing is a 'service' as defined within the Disability Discrimination Act. To this extent, the policy is explicitly concerned with increasing 'accessibility' through geographic, physical and economic measures.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	Will it improve the quality and location of housing? Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	Similar to the comments above. The policy is specifically concerned with meeting the aspirations of this objective. The policy takes cognisance of the priority to meet local needs for affordable housing and to build on PDL. Reference is also made to building new housing in existing key and local service centres. Overall, the policy scores significantly well against all sub questions of this objective.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will it improve qualifications of children? Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. Discussions noted that the policy encourages new housing to locate within existing settlements which in theory will be located in proximity to centres of education. However, the link is deemed too tenuous to merit a link.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services? Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people? Will it reduce the need for health benefits?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. This score has been afforded on the grounds that LC1 explicitly encourages a 'range' and 'choice' of housing in the District. This will ensure 'everyone' will have access to new dwellings which suit their needs and positively contribute to mental well being and living conditions designed for them. i.e. sheltered housing, rehabilitation units.

LC1– Principles for Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>The policy includes a number of provisions that seek to embrace a 'sense of community' or 'local history'. Notably, the final bullet point encourages the use of good design and local materials which will aesthetically suit existing surroundings. Furthermore, emphasis is placed on ensuring new dwellings are provided to suit the whole community. This will create vibrant and inclusive communities.</p> <p>It is noted that the policy does not explicitly mention security or crime considerations. To this extent, the policy may be strengthened by inserting the phrase '<u>and security</u>' to the end of bullet point 3.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	0	0	X	0	0	<p>A neutral score has been agreed for this objective. Although it was initially noted that the policy encourages the redevelopment of PDL and locate development within existing settlements this does not necessarily mean biodiversity will not be harmed. For example, some Brownfield sites support a wider range of biodiversity than some greenfield locations.</p> <p>To this extent, it is considered that a positive score would be afforded if the final bullet point was amended to include:- 'that will not adversely affect biodiversity' at the end of the bullet.</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>LC1 explicitly encourages the redevelopment of Previously Developed Land (PDL) and concentration of new housing in existing settlements. Both of these factors result in a positive scoring with the objective.</p>

LC1– Principles for Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>It is assessed that the cumulative impact of 'promoting good design and using sustainable local materials' will enhance / complement the existing built environment.</p> <p>LC1 also encourages the redevelopment of brownfield sites and development within existing settlements. This will also contribute to physical renaissance.</p>
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship. Discussions noted that 'good design' and use of 'sustainable materials' may imply that design would be energy efficient however this is not currently explicit. Reference to Policy EN5 'Energy Efficiency and Conservation' would result in a positive relationship.</p>
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship.</p> <p>Explicit references to MSC5 'Flood Risk' would emphasis the link to SUDS and other sustainable drainage techniques and produce a positive scoring.</p>
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	++	<p>Discussions noted that soils may be improved on previously developed land during the reclamation / remediation process. These areas are more commonly found in town settlements therefore moving significantly towards the 'urban scale'.</p>
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Marginally positive on the grounds that the policy encourages 'good design and use of sustainable local materials'. Scoring could be strengthened by referencing Policy EN5 'Energy Efficiency and Conservation'</p>

LC1– Principles for Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. The policy will not actively create a significant number of new jobs given the scale of new housing development proposed for the District.
15. To improve access to jobs	<p>Will it reduce need to travel?</p> <p>Will it improve accessibility to work?</p> <p>Will it reduce the effect of congestion?</p> <p>Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. Discussions noted that the policy encourages that new housing will be located within existing settlements thereby being in proximity to existing employment sources. However, this link is deemed to be unsubstantiated and no relationship was agreed.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	<p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

LC1– Principles for Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
Sustainable Development Objectives									

Additional commentary:

Policy LC1 is appraised to score positively with a number of social and environmental objectives. The policy is concerned with defining a general strategy for the provision of new housing in the district and emphasises the need to 'balance' the property market through allocations and support to meet 'community needs' (i.e. affordable and accessible units). Positive scoring in environmental terms was attributed to the focus on the 're-use of previously developed land' and use of 'sustainable materials'.

The majority of economic objectives were seen to have 'no relationship' with the policy given that the scale of new house building in the District is not going to produce significant numbers of jobs.

Although no negative relationships were readily identified a number of measures were recommended to improve scoring.

Mitigation:

- 1- Assessment against Objective 6 has shown that elements of 'designing out crime' could be emphasised. The policy may be strengthened by inserting the phrase 'and security' to the end of bullet point 3.
- 2- Although it was initially noted that the policy encourages the redevelopment of PDL and locate development within existing settlements this does not necessarily mean biodiversity will not be harmed. For example, some Brownfield sites support a wider range of biodiversity than some greenfield locations. To this extent, it is considered that a positive score would be afforded if the final bullet point was amended to include: - 'that will not adversely affect biodiversity' at the end of the bullet.
- 3- Discussions during assessment of objective 10 noted that 'good design' and use of 'sustainable materials' may imply that design would be energy efficient however this is not currently explicit. Reference to Policy EN5 'Energy Efficiency and Conservation' would result in a significantly positive relationship. For example, the final bullet point should be reworded to: '-Promote good design, consistent with Policy EN5, using sustainable local materials that will not adversely affect biodiversity'.

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LC2– Meeting Housing Requirements

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	Will it encourage participation in democratic process? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
2. To improve access to services and facilities	Will it improve accessibility to key services? Will it improve access to facilities?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	Will it improve the quality and location of housing? Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will it improve qualifications of children? Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services? Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people? Will it reduce the need for health benefits?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions

LC2– Meeting Housing Requirements

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions

LC2– Meeting Housing Requirements

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	<p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?</p>	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, see conclusions

Additional commentary:

LC2 relies on the outcomes of the Final Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). To this extent, the policy cannot be fully assessed at this time. The figure of dwelling provision between 2003 – 2021 will have significant impacts on aspirations to 'balance' housing markets, allocate sufficient affordable housing and spatial strategy of the whole District. The impacts of a higher and lower dwelling provision have already been examined within the 'Issues and Options Sustainability Appraisal Report' (May 2006) at Section 5.4.

It is recommended that a full appraisal is undertaken once the RSS is adopted.

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LC3– Location of New Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy explicitly concentrates development within the Key and Local Service Centres which are the most accessible areas to existing services in the District. Developing the population of existing settlements will also support current services / provisions.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	The policy encourages new housing development to be concentrated in existing larger settlements. To this extent, the location of new housing will be improved in terms of accessibility.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

LC3– Location of New Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy explicitly supports the vibrancy and population of existing larger settlements. This will ensure existing services / facilities are nurtured with sufficient population thresholds. New housing in the larger towns will also contribute to inclusiveness given the overviews of policy LC1.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	Uncertain, dependant on site selection process.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive on a cumulative scale given that the policy encourages development to locate within existing Key and Local Service Centres. This will ensure their proximity to existing services and reduce the need to travel, especially by private transport.

LC3– Location of New Housing

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Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that concentrating development within settlement boundaries will increase the amount of building on previously developed land which will require the remediation of soils prior to development.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive on a cumulative scale given that new housing will be built in proximity to existing employment sources which are primarily located in Key and Local Service Centres.

LC3– Location of New Housing

Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	<p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

Additional commentary:

Policy LC3 has been appraised to score well again a number of social, economic and environmental objectives. The policy is high level and strategic concerned with the location of new housing that seeks to focus provisions in Key and Local Service Centres. The policy scored positive relationships with objectives relating to accessibility, settlement vibrancy and use of natural resources. This is on the grounds that the existing settlements are seen to support the majority of existing employment and services and travel outside of them will be limited on a day to day basis.

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LC4– Making Efficient Use of Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy encourages higher densities in town centre locations with good accessibility and links to public transport. This will explicitly encourage more new units to have good accessibility to services /facilities.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Policy seeks to strike a balance with the reuse of previously developed land and suitable housing densities. The first sub question relates to 'improving the location of housing'. Against this objective the policy scores positively given that higher densities are encouraged in accessible locations and previously developed land is primarily focussed within existing settlements.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

LC4– Making Efficient Use of Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that the focus of the policy is to locate development in existing settlements and accessible locations / close to town centers. This will retain local community and develop vibrancy.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Positive relationship on the grounds that there is a presumption against greenfield development. However, it was also noted that certain brownfield areas may also support significant biodiversity. A habitat survey should be carried out prior to development.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Policy explicitly seeks to steer development away from greenfield locations thereby protecting landscape character and quality.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet point 1 explicitly makes reference to developing 50% of new housing on Previously Developed Land. This will increase the quality / appearance of the built environment and complement regeneration.
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy encourages higher densities of new development in the most sustainable / accessible locations predominately within existing settlement boundaries. Locating more homes in such areas will therefore explicitly reduce the need to travel and reduce emissions from private transport.

LC4– Making Efficient Use of Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that the policy encourages the use of brownfield land. This will result in the remediation of soils prior to development taking place.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. It was discussed that the policy encourages new housing to be located in the most accessible locations within existing settlements which by their very nature are close to existing employment sources.

LC4– Making Efficient Use of Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

Additional commentary:

Policy LC4 seeks to focus 50% of new housing on previously developed land and to increase dwelling densities in the most accessible locations. To this extent the policy has been appraised to score positively with accessibility, greenhouse gas emissions, community vibrancy and built / natural environment objectives. However, discussions when discussion relationships with objective 7 (biodiversity) did note that biodiversity on brownfield sites is often overlooked. For example, some previously developed land that has been vacant for a number of years may support a wider variety and significance of biodiversity than a mono culture of greenfield site. However, it is considered that the supporting text of the policy sufficiently picks this issue up providing 'However, other factors will be taken into account as not all previously developed sites are necessarily suitable for housing development or constitute the most sustainable option.

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LC5– Housing on Greenfield Sites

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that part 2 of LC5 encourages 'local need' to be defined which will then be addressed with the option of developing on Greenfield sites. Seen as a 'bottom up process'
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	A marginally positive score has been afforded to this objective given that the pre text indicates that the majority of Greenfield development will be located in proximity to Penrith, the most accessible and service rich town in the District.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	The second part of the policy relating to the provision of affordable housing is seen to significantly contribute towards this objective. It is seen as a pro active step to providing new affordable units in the area to n=meet local needs.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

LC5– Housing on Greenfield Sites

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Marginally positive on the grounds that the focus of the policy is to locate new affordable housing in areas where there is a <u>defined local need</u> . This should retain / enhance community identity if it is shown that certain cross sections of the population are being forced out of the area by high house prices.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	-	-	X	-	-	<p>At present the policy has been appraised to score negatively against this objective. Discussions noted that the first bullet point cannot be fully appraised but will be picked up upon in the sustainability appraisal of the Housing Sites Allocation DPD.</p> <p>However, bullet point two will allow greenfield development if 'need' and lack of potential brownfield sites is established. There is currently no caveat to ensure that biodiversity is protected in the policy or the pretext. To this extent a negative score must be awarded.</p> <p>Mitigation</p> <p>Reword bullet point two to read:-</p> <p>'All of the dwellings are affordable, they would meet a local need for such housing, there is a lack of alternative previously developed sites <u>and their provision would not significantly impact on the natural / historic environment.</u>'</p>

LC5– Housing on Greenfield Sites

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	-	-	X	-	-	As above
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	-	-	X	-	-	As above
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive as the pre text suggests that the majority of Greenfield development will be located in proximity to Penrith and on large sites which will be supported by new infrastructure / services. This will minimise the need to travel and reduce emissions.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. It was noted that large scale new housing development sites would cumulatively increase water needs. This should be assessed during the sustainability appraisal of the Housing Allocations DPD.

LC5– Housing on Greenfield Sites

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	The policy is explicitly concerned with developing on Greenfield sites. To this extent, there will defiantly be a loss of soils to development. No mitigation can be afforded to resolve this conflict. The policy read in context sufficiently supports the re-use of previously developed land over greenfield locations as a priority.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
15. To improve access to jobs	<p>Will it reduce need to travel?</p> <p>Will it improve accessibility to work?</p> <p>Will it reduce the effect of congestion?</p> <p>Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	A marginally positive score has been afforded to this objective given that the pre text indicates that the majority of Greenfield development will be located in proximity to Penrith, the most accessible and employment rich town in the District.

LC5– Housing on Greenfield Sites

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	<p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

Additional commentary:

Policy LC5 sparked significant discussion and noted that further investigation to the impacts of this policy will be dependant on the appraisal of the forthcoming Housing Sites Allocation DPD. The policy scored a handful of positive relationships with accessibility and housing provision objectives but scored poorly in relation to environmental ones (objectives 7, 8 and 9). Bullet point two will allow greenfield development if 'need' and lack of potential brownfield sites is established. There is currently no caveat to ensure that biodiversity or the historic environment is protected or should be taken into consideration in the policy or the pretext. To this extent a negative score must be awarded.

Mitigation

Reword bullet point two to read:-

'All of the dwellings are affordable, they would meet a local need for such housing, there is a lack of alternative previously developed sites and their provision would not significantly impact on the natural / historic environment.'

Alternatively if it is not considered that the policy itself is reworded a similar caveat must be inserted into pretext.

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LC6– Affordable Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that 'local need' will need to be defined which will then be addressed with the provision of affordable units. Seen as a 'bottom up process' (democratic).
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	This objective sparked significant debate. Initially an uncertain score was afforded given that the Council has no significant control over where the housing market wants to locate new housing and their affordable element. However, the pre-text and final paragraph of the policy makes reference to strategic delivery of affordable units from developer contributions. This is seen to move towards the objective as strategic / <u>accessible</u> sites will be pursued.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with the delivery of affordable homes in the District.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

LC6– Affordable Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that the focus of the policy is to locate affordable units in areas with the most local 'need', This will contribute towards vibrancy and retaining community identity.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

LC6– Affordable Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

LC6– Affordable Housing

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
Additional commentary: Policy LC6 scored well against social objectives as the policy seeks to address community / local issues relating to affordable housing. A high proportion of no relationship scores were afforded given that location of the new developments will be dictated by the market. Impacts therefore must be assessed on a project by project basis.									

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LC7– Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive given that 'need' will be defined through working with the gypsy / travelling community and County Council which will then be addressed with the provision of suitable sites. Seen as a 'bottom up process' (democratic).
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with the delivery of suitable homes / sites for the gypsy / travelling community in the District.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. Potential to locate the sites close to educational facilities. However, the locational strategy has not yet been formulated.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	If sites are democratically identified there is potential for mental well being and acceptance if all sections of society have clearly identified boundaries.

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	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)		
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural		Urban	
6.	To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?		Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive on the grounds that the focus of the policy is to identify gypsy / traveler 'needs' in terms of spatial sites, This will contribute towards vibrancy and retaining community identity.
7.	To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
8.	To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
9.	To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
10.	To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption? Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

LC7– Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

LC7– Provision for Gypsies and Travellers

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

Additional commentary:

Policy LC7 scored well against social objectives as the policy seeks to address the 'needs' of the travelling / gypsy community in balance with being sensitive to adjacent land uses. A high proportion of no relationship scores were afforded given that location of sites have not yet been identified and the County Council will also have significant input into the issue. It was noted that using a criteria based policy that recognises aspects of the sustainability appraisal matrix would contribute to a positively towards achieving a sustainable locations.

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WC1– Principles for Economic Development and Tourism

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	Will it encourage participation in democratic process? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
2. To improve access to services and facilities	Will it improve accessibility to key services? Will it improve access to facilities?	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	It was noted that the policy encourages increased accessibility to new and existing tourist and economic developments in the final bullet point. To this extent, it is clear that accessibility to these services will be increased.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	Will it improve the quality and location of housing? Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will it improve qualifications of children? Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The development of high quality economic and tourist developments will cumulatively increase education and training as local businesses take on a local workforce. The policy also explicitly encourages new economic development to be 'accessible for all regardless of disability, age or gender'. This is seen to encourage all sections of the community into training / work. Bullet point one also emphasises the importance of establishing a highly skilled workforce.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services? Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people? Will it reduce the need for health benefits?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy scores well on the grounds that it encourages training / job opportunities for everyone. This sense of inclusiveness will contribute towards positive mental well being.

WC1– Principles for Economic Development and Tourism

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. Discussions did note that increasing jobs, especially highly skilled positions, will lead to people staying in the district. i.e. stop 'brain drain'. Cumulatively this will lead to vibrant and varied communities.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The fourth bullet point explicitly encourages the 'promotion of high environmental standards on existing and new employment sites'. This is seen to protect or enhance biodiversity on new and existing sites.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy explicitly states that environmental standards will be of paramount importance during the development and running of new economic development.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	It is considered that the caveat afforded by bullet point 4 and reference to high levels of physical accessibility will both contribute towards improving the built environment.

WC1– Principles for Economic Development and Tourism

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	WC1 scores positively given its aim to locate new economic development in accessible areas which will reduce the need to travel, especially by private modes. Furthermore, it was discussed that bullet point 4 relating to 'high environmental standards' may include aspects of sustainable energy generation and low emission buildings.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Overall a marginally positive score has been agreed upon. The presumption was made that the reference to 'high environmental standards' may also include water efficient measures, SUDS and grey water schemes.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive. The presumption was made that 'promote high environmental standards' may include aspects of sustainable waste minimisation.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy is explicitly concerned with the creation of new employment development. The policy has a strong focus on developing in accessible locations and 'strengthening' existing employment. A significant score has been agreed upon.

WC1– Principles for Economic Development and Tourism

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The thrust of the policy is to improve access to jobs for all. Specific reference is made to employment in accessible areas and promoting diversification in rural locations.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The sub questions of this objective are strongly linked to aspirations of rural diversification and to strengthen rural economies. WC1 scores significantly well against these principles given they are clearly referenced in bullet point 3 and 5 of the policy.

Additional commentary:

Policy WC1 scores well overall with a number of positive and significantly positive relationships identified. The policy scored well not just against economic objectives but also environmental and social ones. The policy has an environmental caveat under bullet point 4, 'Promote high environmental standards on existing and new employment sites'. The assumption was made that this will include energy efficiency schemes, CHP and grey water / SUDS scheme and scored well against the associated objectives. Furthermore, it was considered that this bullet point affords a high degree of environmental / biodiversity protection.

The policy also scored significantly well against accessibility objectives as emphasis is placed on locating development in easy to reach locations and designing them to cater for all members of the public. WC1 also places importance on strengthening and diversifying rural communities thereby scoring well on a rural scale. No negative relationships were identified.

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WC2– Employment Land Provision

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy scores well against this objective given that it seeks to provide an 'adequate' supply of employment land to support local business and attract inward investment. Cumulatively the continued increase of economic development will develop skills / training of workers and opportunities for unemployed.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

WC2– Employment Land Provision

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	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
Sustainable Development Objectives		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive. It was noted that cumulatively, economic growth will be a basis for migration in and out of the area. The policy seeks to meet 'employment land needs' which will support community aspirations. This will continue to support communities and promote vibrancy by having a mix of population.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	?	?	?	?	X	?	?	WC2 is solely concerned with the provision of 55 hectares of employment land. The location strategy for this distribution is provided in policy MSC2 which outlines a hierarchical approach concentrating on the key service centres as the first option. To this extent there is no spatial connotations attached to this policy and the scoring of uncertain has been carried across from MSC2.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	Scored as MCS2 this is the locational element of this policy.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	Scored as MCS2 this is the locational element of this policy.
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption? Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship A positive relationship could be established if specific reference was made to link with policy MSC1. For example inserting 'and principles of EN1' at the end of the policy'

WC2– Employment Land Provision

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship A positive relationship could be established if specific reference was made to link with policy MSC1. For example inserting 'and principles of EN1' at the end of the policy'
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship A positive relationship could be established if specific reference was made to link with policy MSC1. For example inserting 'and principles of EN1' at the end of the policy'
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy is explicitly concerned with the creation of new employment development in line with District needs and guidance laid down by the RSS and Structure Plan. The focus of the policy is to provide adequate provisions of land to retain and develop jobs in the district thereby moving significantly towards this objective.
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy WC2 explicitly allocates 55ha of new economic development land in the most accessible locations.

WC2– Employment Land Provision

Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	<p>Will it encourage inward investment?</p> <p>Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with meeting the aspirations of this policy by allocating a sufficient supply of economic development land that will support and develop the Districts economy.

Additional commentary:

Policy WC2 scores a number of positive relationships with economic and social sustainability objectives. It was noted that the policy takes cognisance of the Adopted Structure Plans definition of 'economic land needs' and provides no locational strategy other than that already identified in policy MSC2. To this extent, a number of objectives, especially environmental ones, scored identically to those of MSC2.

Mitigation:

Although no negative relationships were identified it was noted that objectives 10,12 and 13 would score positively if the policy was marginally amended to reference the protection of the natural environment. For example, to read '.....in line with the locational strategy as set out in Policy MSC2 and principles of EN1'.

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WC3– Employment Development in Rural Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	X	Marginally in terms of access in rural communities. It is envisaged that appropriate economic development of a suitable / sympathetic scale and type is going to include key services. To this extent a significantly positive score has been awarded on a rural scale.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	<p>It is considered that new employment development and appropriate expansion of existing businesses in rural areas will cumulatively increase training / skills of those who live there.</p> <p>A positive scoring has also been merited on an 'urban' level given the urban – rural commute.</p>
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

WC3– Employment Development in Rural Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	<p>Marginally positive overall given the overwhelmingly rural nature of Eden as a whole.</p> <p>The policy seeks to re-use suitable redundant rural buildings thereby protecting rural character against new build development. Furthermore, continued economic development will contribute to future population growth and renaissance. The policy will therefore contribute towards achieving vibrant communities that can move partially towards being self sufficient in terms of employment.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	<p>The appraisal against this objective sparked significant debate. It was noted that the final bullet point relates to development being of 'a scale and type sympathetic to the area'. The assumption was made that this should sufficiently include the protection of biodiversity in rural areas. However, it was discussed that the 3rd bullet point relating to 'rural diversification' may always lead to the loss of a certain amount of habitat.</p> <p>Overall an uncertain score was agreed upon given that there is no explicitly negative relationships at present however when implementing any of scheme, especially relating to bullet point 3, will require research to establish impacts on biodiversity.</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship.</p> <p>Caveat is afforded that proposals must be of a scale and type sympathetic to the area therefore mitigating any negative relationship.</p>

WC3– Employment Development in Rural Areas

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	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	X	Policy explicitly encourages the re use of redundant rural buildings. This will contribute to physical renaissance.
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption? Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. Bullet point 4 sufficiently protects against inappropriate traffic generation.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	Will it minimise the loss of soils to development? Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	Outcome of this objective will be dependant on the type of development especially if it relates to 'diversification of the agricultural economy'. At present the assumption has been made that the final bullet will afford protection to soils.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Will it reduce household waste? Will it increase waste recovery and recycling? Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship It was noted that agricultural diversification can often include the development of renewable energies. Link was deemed too tenuous to merit a relationship.

WC3– Employment Development in Rural Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	Will it retain existing jobs? Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	+	WC3 is explicitly concerned with developing and retaining jobs in rural areas. Access in rural areas is seen to be significantly better than in more urban settlements.
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	0	+	X	++	0	Access to the new jobs from urban areas is deemed to be neutral given that access is not likely to be readily available. However, a significantly positive relationship is afforded for people living in rural areas given that they may not have to commute to the towns for future employment.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	0	Policy is explicitly concerned with strengthening the rural economy and diversification. The reuse of suitable redundant rural buildings will also make efficient use of rural land.

Additional commentary:

Policy WC3 scored well against a number of social and economic objectives. Given the specifically rural nature of the policy a number of relationships on an urban scale were deemed to be neutral. Impacts against environmental objectives were largely seen to have no relationship with the policy given the caveat afforded under bullet point 5 requiring development to be of a scale and type sympathetic to the area.

Two uncertain relationships were identified with objectives 7 and 12. This is on the grounds that agricultural diversification is likely to have impacts on soils and biodiversity whatever the nature of development. These impacts must be examined before consent is granted. During discussions of these objectives it was noted that the final bullet point relating to appropriate 'scale' and 'type' is likely to alleviate any negative concerns in regards to biodiversity / soils.

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WC4– Tourism and the Visitor Economy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Tourist facilities are seen to include general services that will 'benefit local communities'. To this extent the development of such provisions scores well against this objective.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Overall a marginally positive relationship was agreed upon. Although the continued support of the visitor / tourist economy will support and increase jobs, and therefore training, it was noted that a high percentage of positions would be unskilled and not lead to 'improved qualifications'.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

WC4– Tourism and the Visitor Economy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>The scoring of this objective sparked significant debate. On one hand it was argued that tourism and visitor development will be harmful as ownership of second homes will increase and settlements, especially rural villages, will become dormant.</p> <p>However, this was outweighed by arguments relating to a stable economic and benefits of tourism jobs which is supported by the policy.</p> <p>The policy also stipulates that developments must 'benefit the local communities'. To this extent a positive relationship has been awarded.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship</p> <p>A positive relationship may be afforded if bullet point 3 is amended to:-</p> <p>'Development is at a scale which does not prejudice the quality of the natural and built environment and where possible proposals should seek to improve it'</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship</p> <p>A positive relationship may be afforded if bullet point 3 is amended to:-</p> <p>'Development is at a scale which does not prejudice the quality of the natural and built environment and where possible proposals should seek to improve it'</p>

WC4– Tourism and the Visitor Economy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	++	X	<p>No relationship</p> <p>A positive relationship may be afforded if bullet point 3 is amended to:-</p> <p>'Development is at a scale which does not prejudice the quality of the natural and built environment and where possible proposals should seek to improve it'</p>
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	Marginally positive given that bullet point 4 will encourage new and existing proposals to be accessible by a number of modes.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship

WC4– Tourism and the Visitor Economy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	WC4 is explicitly concerned with developing and retaining jobs within the important tourism and visitor economy.
15. To improve access to jobs	<p>Will it reduce need to travel?</p> <p>Will it improve accessibility to work?</p> <p>Will it reduce the effect of congestion?</p> <p>Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy encourages tourism developments throughout the District that are accessible by a choice of transport modes.

WC4– Tourism and the Visitor Economy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The sub questions of this policy are explicitly concerned with the development of tourism and visitor expenditure. Policy WC4 will therefore contribute towards meeting this objective.

Additional commentary:

Policy WC4 scored well against a number of social objectives and significantly positive against economic ones. Given the importance of the tourism and visitor sector, supporting a quarter of all full time jobs in Eden, the policy is seen to strike a good balance between economic aspirations and environmental / social protection.

Mitigation

Although no negative relationships were identified it was considered that Objectives 7, 8 and 9 would score positively if bullet point 3 was amended to be more proactive against the enhancement of the natural / built environment. For example:-

Development is at a scale which does not prejudice the quality of the natural and built environment and where possible proposals should seek to improve it'

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EN1– Principles for the natural environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship Discussions did note that some may view the natural environment as a 'key service' and the policy does explicitly encourage increased accessibility. However, this was deemed too tenuous a link.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that EN1 proactively encourages the enhancement of biodiversity / natural environment and also accessibility for all. This will increase managed educational visits to countryside and interpretation of it.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	The pro-active protection of Eden District's diverse natural environment will enhance residents and visitors mental well being and sense of isolation/leisure.

EN1– Principles for the natural environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>The policy is explicitly concerned with protecting a major and iconic asset of Eden District.</p> <p>This will retain cultural and community identity.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	<p>Policy is explicitly concerned with meeting this objective in a proactive manner.</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	<p>Policy is explicitly concerned with meeting this objective in a proactive manner.</p>
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship.</p> <p>Policy is not concerned with the built environment.</p>

EN1– Principles for the natural environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship.</p> <p>Discussions noted that the increased planting of trees and vegetation may contribute to reducing CO2 emissions on a cumulative scale. However, this relationship was deemed too tenuous to merit a link.</p>
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with meeting this objective in a proactive manner.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as Eden's tourist / visitor industry relies heavily on its natural assets. The protection and enhancement of these may lead to more jobs / new tourist development.

EN1– Principles for the natural environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The improvement of Eden's natural assets may encourage businesses or people to locate in the area given its high quality of landscape and associated quality of life.

Additional commentary:

EN1 relating to the proactive protection of one of Eden District's most significant and iconic assets, the natural environment, score significantly well. The policy is assessed to be comprehensive and scored well against social and economic objectives. Significantly positive relationships were identified with objectives relating to the environment including protection of biodiversity, soils and landscape character. Discussions during appraisal of social and economic objectives noted the importance of the natural environment to the tourist industry as well as local communities who enjoy quality of life aspects from the natural environment.

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EN2– Principles for the built environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The final bullet point of EN2 is concerned with inclusive accessibility. To this extent, democratic services will be more accessible and individuals should feel empowered.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that the policy encourages the careful use of buildings to ensure that they are accessible for all regardless of disability, age or gender.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that EN2 seeks to protect cultural aspects of the built environment and increase physical access. The link was made that protecting heritage can be a source of education in their own right and also encourage all sections of the community to be able to access other learning facilities.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	The pro-active protection of Eden District's diverse built environment, especially in its iconic towns, will enhance residents and visitors mental well being and sense of isolation/leisure.

EN2– Principles for the built environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>The policy is explicitly concerned with protecting a major and iconic asset of Eden District. The proactive conservation of the built environment will significantly protect cultural and community identity.</p> <p>Policy also references the importance of having a safe and secure environment therefore contributing to reducing crime.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	<p>Marginally positive given that the policy references the protection of 'historic parks and gardens' which by their very nature are likely to support mature vegetation.</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	<p>As above in relation to protection of parks and gardens.</p>
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	<p>Policy is explicitly concerned with meeting the aspirations of this objective.</p> <p>No relationship with flooding aspects.</p>

EN2– Principles for the built environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as the assumption has been made that the reference to use of 'sustainable materials' and 'high standards of design' will include elements that will make buildings energy efficient and reduce emissions.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Reference to 'sustainable materials' and 'high standards of design' is assumed to include measures to conserve water.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as bullet point 2 encourages use of sustainable materials which is assumed to include renewable energy sources.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Potentially given that physical access will be improved and businesses may want to invest in the area if it has a strong sense of character and appealing built environment.

EN2– Principles for the built environment

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The improvement / protection of Eden's physical assets will encourage people to visit the area, stay longer and potentially spend more capital.

Additional commentary:

EN2 has been appraised to score well against of a variety of social, economic and environmental issues. The policy includes provisions to increase physical accessibility for all and also encourage the use of 'high quality design and sustainable materials' whilst being sympathetic to built cultural heritage.

Biodiversity and natural environment objectives also scored well on the grounds that the policy specifically protects 'historic parks and gardens'. The assumption was made that bullet point 2 relating to the use of 'sustainable materials and high quality design' will lead to the prudent use of natural resources including reducing emissions, water usage and heat consumption. Furthermore, social objectives score well given the strong links to achieving a high level of accessibility for everyone regardless of age, gender or disability. Economic relationships also fared well given that a high quality and accessible environment will attract tourists, inward investment and residents into the District.

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EN3– Conservation and Appraisal of Conservation Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The Conservation Area Character Appraisal Process will be a source of information that may assist in education and appreciation of specific areas. Overall a marginally positive score has been afforded.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The firming up of Conservation Areas and the designation of new ones will cumulatively contribute towards an appealing 'sense of place' and mental wellbeing.

EN3– Conservation and Appraisal of Conservation Areas

EN3– Conservation and Appraisal of Conservation Areas									
	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
Sustainable Development Objectives		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The careful assessment of Conservation Areas to establish sufficient boundaries and adequate status will contribute towards ensuring a high quality cultural identity.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that Conservation Areas may contain significant biodiversity which will be appraised and is more likely to be protected.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	Y	Y	++	++	++	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with meeting the aspirations of this objective by improving and appraising new and existing Conservation Areas. No relationship with flooding aspects.

EN3– Conservation and Appraisal of Conservation Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

EN3– Conservation and Appraisal of Conservation Areas

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

EN3 has been assessed to score positively against a handful of environmental and social objective. A high number of no relationship scores were also afforded given the specific nature of the policy. It was noted that the thrust of Conservation Area Appraisals is to 'firm up' existing designations and identify key characteristics / action plans on how to protect significant features. This aspect, in conjunction with the proactive identification of new Conservation Areas will improve the cultural environment of the District as a whole.

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EN4– Design of New Development

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as the requirement of Design Statements will increase accountability and transparency of decision making process.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy explicitly seeks to ensure good access by different modes of transport as well and increasing the physical accessibility of the buildings themselves for all members of the public.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship. It was discussed that high quality design in the District may lead to a greater awareness of design and take up of courses and investment in training. However, links deemed too tenuous.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	+	+	+	A high quality environment that complements old and new development will cumulatively lead to a positive sense of place and wellbeing. The policy also encourages developers to carefully identify choice of transport modes which is likely to include 'health opportunities' such as walking and cycling.

EN4– Design of New Development

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)	
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural		Urban
6.	To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	EN4 will contribute towards the establishment of a high quality urban environment that complements the districts cultural heritage and environment. The policy also explicitly references the importance of incorporating crime prevention measures.
7.	To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet point 2 of EN4 explicitly encourages that biodiversity should be enhanced where possible within 'good design' proposals.
8.	To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet point 2 of EN4 explicitly encourages that the natural environment and landscape should be considered and enhanced where possible in all new design.
9.	To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with improving the quality of the built environment including physical access, flooding and continuity aspects.

EN4– Design of New Development

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Cumulatively EN4 scores positively given that the policy encourages the use of energy efficient materials / construction, protects against high levels of traffic and seeks to use renewable energy sources.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet point 6 of EN4 explicitly references the use of SUDS and maximising the re-use and recycling of waste. This is assumed to include water and result in grey water schemes which will contribute towards the objective.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet point 4 of the policy specifically encourages design to ensure that sites are used to their maximum potential thereby protecting soils elsewhere.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with producing new developments that reduce household waste, increase recycling and promoting renewable energies.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

EN4– Design of New Development

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Bullet point 9 and 10 of the policy encourage design that will increase access in terms of choice and protect against environmentally acceptable levels of traffic. Cumulatively this should reduce the need to travel by car and congestion.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given bullet point 4 reference to 'maximising the potential use of sites'.

Additional commentary:

EN4 covers a wide spectrum of issues that will affect all new development in the District. The Policy has been appraised to be comprehensive and scored positively with a number of social, environmental and economic objectives. The Policy encourages design to take cognisance of the existing natural and built environment and where possible enhance it whilst remaining to ensure high levels of accessibility and energy / resource efficiency. Discussions also noted the importance the EN4 places on the use of locally sourced materials and maximising the potential use of sites. These were seen to be good practice considerations that scored well against almost every sustainability objective. Furthermore, it was agreed that encouraging choice of transport mode will cumulatively encourage a healthier lifestyle through safe and accessible paths/ cycle ways.

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EN5– Energy Efficiency and Conservation

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
1.	To increase the level of participation in democratic process	Will it encourage participation in democratic process? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?							No relationship.
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
2.	To improve access to services and facilities	Will it improve accessibility to key services? Will it improve access to facilities?							No relationship.
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
3.	To provide everyone with a decent home	Will it improve the quality and location of housing? Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?							No relationship.
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4.	To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will it improve qualifications of children? Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?							No relationship.
		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5.	To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services? Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people? Will it reduce the need for health benefits?							It was noted that on a long term and on a cumulative (transboundary) scale there would be a positive impact given emissions would reduce resulting a cleaner air and lowering the long term effects of global warming.
		X	Y	+	+	+	+	+	

EN5– Energy Efficiency and Conservation

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	0	Neutral. Discussions noted that certain renewable energy schemes sources may negatively impact on the physical environment i.e unsightly solar panels in inappropriate locations or turbines in sensitive locations. However, it is noted that the policy states that 'consideration should be given to design'. To this extent, any negative impacts would be neutralised by this caveat.

EN5– Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact Severity	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy is explicitly concerned with meeting the aims of this objective.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	A marginally positive scoring was identified on the grounds Eden is seeking to be a leading rural District that is committed to energy efficiency and conservation. Although the policy does not immediately create jobs the cumulative impact of fostering renewable technologies may lead to increased awareness and businesses setting up in the area to deliver the requirements of the policy.

EN5– Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

EN5 has been assessed to score positively against a handful of environmental and social objectives. A high number of no relationship scores were also afforded given the specific nature of the policy. It has been noted that Eden District may wish to become a leader in sustainable / energy efficient leading rural Council in the future. It is deemed that the parameters / thresholds of EN5 go somewhat towards achieving this aspiration.

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Move away significantly	Move away marginally	Move towards marginally	Move towards significantly	No Relationship	Uncertain	Operates at this timescale		

EN6– Renewable Energy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)	
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural		Urban
6.	To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
7.	To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
8.	To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Although there may be landscape and visual concerns related to new renewable energy developments these are neutralised by the caveat by ensuring they are 'acceptable in environmental terms'
9.	To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	0	Neutral. Discussions noted that certain renewable energy schemes sources may negatively impact on the physical environment i.e unsightly solar panels in inappropriate locations or turbines in sensitive locations. This concern is neutralised by stating that proposals must be 'acceptable in environmental terms'

EN6– Renewable Energy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The policy is explicitly concerned with meeting the aims of this objective.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	A marginally positive scoring was identified on the grounds Eden is seeking to be a leading rural District that is committed to energy efficiency and conservation. Although the policy does not immediately create jobs the cumulative impact of fostering renewable technologies may lead to increased awareness and businesses setting up in the area to deliver the requirements of the policy.

EN6– Renewable Energy

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

EN6 has been assessed to score positively against a handful of environmental and social objectives. A high number of no relationship scores were also afforded given the specific nature of the policy.

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–	Move away significantly	–	Move away marginally	+	Move towards marginally	++	Move towards significantly	X	No Relationship	?	Uncertain	Y	Operates at this timescale	0	Neutral
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AIC1– Principles for Services and Facilities

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	The policy encourages the appropriate distribution of community facilities which is seen as a main stage to develop community democracy. The gathering of people in suitable community locations will stimulate debate and form a sense of community.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with ensuring that the District has an appropriate distribution of services in accessible locations. AIC1 also focuses on developing 'essential infrastructure' and concentrating the majority of development in the most accessible location in the District, Penrith.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive given that 'appropriate community facilities' are likely to include educational and training facilities that benefit the community.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	AIC1 affords protection to important areas of open space that is used for sport and recreation as well as encouraging their maintenance. The provision of high quality open space will give people opportunity to exercise, play sport, be outside and generally be healthy.

AIC1– Principles for Services and Facilities

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>AIC1 focuses on ensuring the vibrancy and spirit of communities by allocating appropriate facilities in appropriate locations. The first bullet point also places emphasis on 'working in partnership' which will also strengthen community cohesion.</p> <p>Community identity may also be positively fostered by the development of good quality and well maintained public space.</p>
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>Bullet points 7 and 8 explicitly encourage the protection and enhancement of areas of open space.</p>
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Bullet point 7 seeks to link important areas of open space to the wider countryside as well as ensuring it is well maintained. This 'joined up approach' should enhance the overall quality of the landscape.</p>
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<p>No relationship.</p>

AIC1– Principles for Services and Facilities

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	A marginally positive scoring has been awarded as the policy seeks to ensure a vibrant and appealing physical environment that has an abundance of relevant services / facilities. This will lead to an appealing location for businesses to locate.

AIC1– Principles for Services and Facilities

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	AIC1 will ensure facility and service jobs are located in appropriate areas. The policy references Penrith should remain at the top of the service hierarchy however notes the importance of retaining village facilities. This will ensure jobs are retained in appropriate locations, especially in rural communities.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

AIC1 scores well against a variety of social, environmental and economic objectives. The policy strikes a good balance with seeking to retain Penrith at the top of the service / facility hierarchy whilst supporting important village amenities. Furthermore, it is noted that significant emphasis is placed on the provision and maintenance of open space and recreational facilities. This has led to AIC1 scoring well against environmental and health objectives.

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AIC2– Protection of Village Services and Facilities

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	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
Sustainable Development Objectives		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	Will it encourage participation in democratic process? Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	X	Marginally positive as the policy seeks to protect village services and facilities which are seen as a 'keystone' in any community which foster democracy.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	Will it improve accessibility to key services? Will it improve access to facilities?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	X	Policy explicitly seeks to protect services and facilities in villages and rural areas.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	Will it improve the quality and location of housing? Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	Will it improve qualifications of children? Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	X	Marginally positive given that 'appropriate community facilities' are likely to include educational and training facilities that benefit the community.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services? Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people? Will it reduce the need for health benefits?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	X	AIC2 references that health centres are a key element of 'services' that the Council wish to retain in rural areas.

AIC2– Protection of Village Services and Facilities

AIC2– Protection of Village Services and Facilities									
	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
Sustainable Development Objectives		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities? Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	X	The protection of village shops and services will support 'village lifestyles' and community spirit / identity.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	Will it protect and enhance biodiversity? Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment? Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value? Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

AIC2– Protection of Village Services and Facilities

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	X	Marginally positive on a cumulative scale. It was noted that retaining key services in local areas will minimise the need for locals to drive into towns for essential items.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	X	Policy seeks to retain existing service and facility jobs in rural / village areas

AIC2– Protection of Village Services and Facilities

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	X	Access to service and facility jobs in the rural areas will be retained by the policy therefore negating the need for certain workers to commute out of their community.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

AIC2 scores well against a variety of social, environmental and economic objectives on a rural scale. The policy affords protection to village services and facilities thereby protecting rural jobs, community health facilities, community gathering points and will reduce the need for the rural population to leave settlements for essential items.

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AIC3– Hierarchy of Retail Centres

	Questions	Timescale	Impact	Scale					Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	<p>Policy is explicitly concerned with ensuring that retail is distributed in an appropriate manner that takes cognisance of the accessible main towns and the role that they play in the District.</p> <p>Concentrating retail development in Penrith, in the first instance, then the remaining District centres will mean that facilities will be located in the most accessible areas for all.</p>
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

AIC3– Hierarchy of Retail Centres

	Questions	Timescale	Impact	Scale					Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as retaining the retail hierarchy will contribute towards local distinctiveness and identity. It will also ensure that the District act's as 1 community / entity and other towns do not try to compete with Penrith.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	<p>Although AIC3 seeks to concentrate retail development in the 4 main towns, there is sufficient protection afforded by the final sentence stating that development must respect excising built and natural environment.</p> <p>Neutral score has been afforded.</p>

AIC3– Hierarchy of Retail Centres

	Questions	Timescale	Impact	Scale					Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	<p>Marginally positive on a cumulative scale. It was noted that retaining the retail hierarchy will ensure shops and facilities are located in the towns that are most accessible to all in the District and have the highest levels of public transport infrastructure.</p> <p>This should reduce the need to travel long distances using private transport.</p>
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Policy seeks to retain existing service and facility jobs in the most accessible and well served towns for public transport.

AIC3– Hierarchy of Retail Centres

	Questions	Timescale	Impact	Scale					Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term	Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	Urban	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	It was noted that retaining the retail hierarchy will ensure shops and facilities are located in the towns that are most accessible to all in the District and have the highest levels of public transport infrastructure. This should reduce the need to travel long distances using private transport.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

AIC3 relating to the retention of the District existing retail hierarchy has been appraised to score well against a number of social and economic objectives. Environmental objectives were found to score neutral given the protection afforded by the final sentence of the policy which states 'development must respect the character of the environment...architecture and historic interest'. Social and economic objectives scored positively on the grounds that the hierarchy will ensure development is concentrated in the most accessible locations for all that are served by the highest degree of public transport.

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AIC4– Open Space and Recreational Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
1. To increase the level of participation in democratic process	<p>Will it encourage participation in democratic process?</p> <p>Will it increase the ability of people to influence decisions?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
2. To improve access to services and facilities	<p>Will it improve accessibility to key services?</p> <p>Will it improve access to facilities?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	Policy is explicitly concerned with ensuring that open space, which is a significant community facility, is not encroached upon or lost.
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	<p>Will it improve the quality and location of housing?</p> <p>Will it increase the range and affordability of housing for all social groups?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	<p>Will it improve qualifications of children?</p> <p>Will it improve qualifications and skills of adults?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	<p>Will it increase the access to, and availability of health services?</p> <p>Will it positively affect the wellbeing of people?</p> <p>Will it reduce the need for health benefits?</p>	Y	Y	++	++	X	++	++	The protection of recreational facilities and open space will provide people with opportunities to exercise and generally be healthy.

AIC4– Open Space and Recreational Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
Sustainable Development Objectives									
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and open-minded communities with a strong sense of local history	<p>Will it enhance the inclusiveness of communities?</p> <p>Will it contribute to cultural identity and crime reduction?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Marginally positive as retaining open space will contribute to a strong sense of place and act as community meeting point or iconic symbol of the community.
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	<p>Will it protect and enhance biodiversity?</p> <p>Will it maintain and enhance sites designated for their nature conservation interests?</p>	Y	Y	+	+	X	+	+	Open space and recreational land has the potential to support significant biodiversity. The protection of these areas will therefore protect biodiversity.
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	<p>Will it improve the landscape and ecological quality and character of the environment?</p> <p>Will it reduce the amount of derelict, underused or degraded land in the District?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
9. To improve the quality of the built environment	<p>Will it protect and enhance sites, features and areas of historical, archaeological and cultural value?</p> <p>Will it incorporate protection against flooding and inappropriate design?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

AIC4– Open Space and Recreational Land

	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	<p>Will it reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing energy consumption?</p> <p>Will it lead to an improvement in air quality?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
11. To improve water quality and water resources	<p>Will it improve water quality and reduce consumption?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
12. To restore and protect land and soil	<p>Will it minimise the loss of soils to development?</p> <p>Will it maintain the present condition and use of land?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	<p>Will it reduce household waste?</p> <p>Will it increase waste recovery and recycling?</p> <p>Will it encourage energy efficiency and renewable energies?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employment opportunities	<p>Will it retain existing jobs?</p> <p>Will new employment opportunities be created with good access?</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

AIC4– Open Space and Recreational Land

Sustainable Development Objectives	Questions	Timescale		Impact	Scale				Commentary (including cumulative and synergistic impacts)
		Short term	Long term		Severity	Local	Trans-boundary	Rural	
15. To improve access to jobs	Will it reduce need to travel? Will it improve accessibility to work? Will it reduce the effect of congestion? Will it reduce journey times between key destinations?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	Will it encourage inward investment? Will it make efficient use of economic land and property?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	No relationship.

Additional commentary:

AIC4 which seeks to protect Open Space and Recreational Land has been appraised to score positively against a handful of social and environmental objectives. Social relationships that were discussed included the encouragement of 'opportunity' to access sports / recreational land and the iconic nature that open space can create.

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