Introduction

The objectives of the Core Strategy have been developed from all areas of information gathering both prior and during the introduction of the LDF.

This section demonstrates what the Core Strategy is aiming to achieve and the likely degree of impact that it will have upon different aspects of sustainability. The objectives of the plan are tested against the SA objectives to identify both potential synergies and inconsistencies.

Method

The Core Strategy objectives must reflect the principles of sustainable development and therefore, need to be tested against the SA objectives by means of a compatibility matrix.

Although the aim should be to achieve consistency between Core Strategy and SA objectives, in practice there may be tensions. Where compatible outcomes cannot be achieved, priorities should be determined and clearly recorded as part of the SA process.

The matrix uses a framework, prepared by the Joint Cumbria Local Authorities in September 2005, to display and maintain a simple focus on individual relationships between objectives. A selected group of planning officers assessed the plan at this stage, to establish the anticipated impact areas.

The scoring will define the anticipated impacts of the Core Strategy objectives on sustainability:

- 1 = Highly compatible
- 2 = Compatible with some negatives
- 3 = Neutral impacts
 - 3 * Positives relative to negatives
- 4 = Mainly negative with some positive aspects
- 5 = Conflict of aims

Summary of impacts

Core Strategy Objective	Sun	nmary of Im	pacts
Core dualegy objective	Social	Environmental	Economic
To ensure that people from all sectors of our local communities have equal access to services; that our communities are safe and that participation and influence in the decision-making process across all sectors is increased	2	3 *	2 - 3
To improve the health and well being of our communities by reducing health inequalities, promoting healthy living and supporting locally accessible, high quality health care	2	2 - 3	2 - 3
To support and develop an economically sustainable and prosperous area where investment is encouraged, skills are developed and retained and new and existing businesses are supported	2 - 3	3	1 - 2
To develop the local economy and meet local employment needs by providing a sufficient number and variety of employment locations and opportunities	3	3 *	1 - 2
To provide a framework where children and young people can thrive and improve their life chances	2	3	2 - 3
To support the development and maintenance of a variety of decent, affordable housing and related services which meet the needs of local people and support economic and community development	2	3 *	2 - 3
To protect and enhance the environment, maintaining and enhancing biodiversity	2 - 3	1 - 2	3
To assist in the development of an effective, accessible and sustainable transport system, whilst reducing the need for travel and protecting the environment	2	2	1 - 2
To promote the heritage and unique qualities of the area locally, nationally and internationally	3	3 *	2 - 3
To achieve an acceptable balance between facilitating development and maintaining the amenity of settlements and the countryside	3 *	1 - 2	2 - 3
To use natural resources in the most sustainable way including recycling and re-use of previously developed land	2 - 3	2	2 - 3
To guide changes in the built environment in a way that takes proper account of climate change, promoting energy efficiency in design and construction of all new development	3 *	2	2 - 3
To encourage the exploitation and development of renewable energy sources wherever they have prospects of being economically attractive, and environmentally and socially acceptable	2 - 3	3 *	2 - 3
To promote the principles of sustainable tourism by seeking to maximise social and economic benefits in a manner which is acceptable to the local community and does not prejudice the environment	2 - 3	2 - 3	2 - 3

Source: Eden District Council, Core Strategy SA Scoping Report (Sept 2005)

Spatial Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sustainable Development Objectives																	
To increase the level of participation in democratic process	+	X	X	+	Х	+	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х	X
To improve access to services and facilities	++	++	++	++	+	+	×	×	×	x	x	×	×	х	++	++	++
3. To provide everyone with a decent home	++	Х	+	+	++	+	х	+	х	х	х	х	+	х	х	х	х
4. To improve the level of skills, education and training	+	+	+	+	Х	+	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	++	++	++

Spatial Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sustainable Development Objectives																	
5. To improve the health and sense of wellbeing of people	+	++	++	+	+	++	+	Х	+	+	Х	х	Х	0	+	+	+
6. To create vibrant, active, inclusive and openminded communitie s with a strong sense of local history	++	++	++	++	**	**	+	**	+	+	X	Х	+	0	+	++	++
7. To protect and enhance biodiversity	+	×	х	0	Х	+	++	Х	Х	++	Х	Х	Х	0	-	0	0

Spatial Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sustainable Development Objectives																	
8. To preserve and enhance landscape quality and character	+	X	х	0	Х	+	++	x	+	+	х	Х	х	0	-	0	0
9. To improve the quality of the built environmen t	+	+	+	0	Х	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	0	-	0	0
10. To improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions	++	+	×	++	Х	+	+	x	X	X	+	++	x	++	-	0	0
11. To improve water quality and water resources	Х	×	Х	Х	Х	+	+	Х	Х	Х	++	Х	+	Х	Х	Х	Х

Spatial Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sustainable Development Objectives																	
12. To restore and protect land and soil	+	х	х	x	х	х	+	х	Х	x	+	+	х	0	-	0	0
13. To manage mineral resources sustainably and minimise waste	Х	х	х	х	Х	+	х	х	Х	х	++	+	Х	Х	Х	Х	х
14. To retain existing jobs and create new employmen t opportunitie s	+	++	+	×	+	+	×	×	X	×	×	х	х	×	++	++	++
15. To improve access to jobs	++	+	+	+	+	+	х	+	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	++	++	++

Spatial Objectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sustainable Development Objectives																	
16. To diversify and strengthen the local economy	+	+	+	Х	+	+	Х	+	+	+	Х	X	Х	Х	++	++	++

KEY

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