

## **Appendix 8**

### SA Matrices for the Policy Options Appraised Since the Discussion Document Consultation in 2013

## Options for growth

SA Objective	Justification				
	Option 1: Existing balance	Option 2: Urban and urban edge focus	Option 3: Wider focus	Option 4: Intensified urban focus	Option 5: New town
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	0	+?	0	0
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+/-	+/-	+/-	++/-	+/-?

The options for growth will have largely negligible effects on this SA objective. However, Option 3 (wider focus) could result in more development coming forward in rural areas, although there would still be a general focus on Rugby town, which could help to stimulate better service provision in rural areas. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified for that option.

Where development is focussed in urban areas, residents will have better access to services and facilities, including people without a car. However, wider distribution of development could help to maintain services and facilities in smaller settlements, or stimulate the provision of new services and facilities.

Option 4 (intensified urban focus) would involve the highest proportion of development coming forward in Rugby town; therefore is likely to have a significant positive effect in terms of access to the services and facilities that are concentrated there. However, there could also be a minor negative effect as drawing the vast majority of activity into Rugby town would mean that other settlements in the Borough do not benefit from the increased support for services and facilities that would come with population growth there.

Conversely, Option 3 (wider focus) would result in the broadest spread of development within the Borough. As there would still be a primary focus on Rugby town, most new development would still be in proximity of the services and facilities that are concentrated there. However, under this option more development would also come forward in the smaller towns and villages. While this would mean that there would be increased support for services and facilities there, the scale of development is likely to be quite small and so people would still need to travel to Rugby Borough for larger services and facilities. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effects are likely for that option.

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						<p>Options 1 (existing balance) and 2 (urban and urban edge focus) again direct most development to Rugby town, although in these cases limited development would also take place in smaller settlements. Therefore, the effects on this objective would again be mixed (minor positive and minor negative) as most development would take place at Rugby or the main service centres where access to services is relatively good, with a small amount in the local needs settlements where access to service is likely to be relatively poor.</p> <p>The effects of Option 5 (new town) on this SA objective will depend to some extent on the scale of new main rural settlement and therefore the range of service and facilities that might be provided there, which is not yet known. However, the option again involves most development being focused in Rugby town with other development being more widespread; therefore mixed effects are again likely overall.</p>
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	?	?	?	?	?	<p>The options for growth would affect health by influencing how easily people are able to access healthcare facilities, and the extent to which people may be able to use active modes of travel (walking and cycling) day-to-day. However, these issues are addressed under other SA objectives (2: access to services and 14: sustainable transport) and effects on health would depend largely on the specific location of development site options including their proximity to GPs where there is capacity to accommodate new patients, and their proximity to footpaths and cycle paths. Therefore, the effects of all of the options for growth are uncertain. The individual housing site options are being subject to SA separately, which includes an appraisal of their likely effects on health.</p>
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	++	++	++	++/-	++	<p>All of the options for growth will provide housing to meet the needs of the Borough; therefore all will have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>Where options allow for the development of local needs housing at smaller rural settlements (Options 1 (existing balance) and 2 (urban and urban edge focus)), this will ensure that the specific housing needs of those rural communities can be met. Options 3 (wider focus) and 5 (new town) are even more flexible, allowing for small-scale infill development in local needs settlements rather than just local needs housing.</p>

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	Option 1: Existing balance	Option 2: Urban and urban edge focus	Option 3: Wider focus	Option 4: Intensified urban focus	Option 5: New town
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	0	0	0	0
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	+	+	+	+	+
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	+	+	+	++	+
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	+	++	+	++	+
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water	++	++	++	++	++

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resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	Option 1: Existing balance	Option 2: Urban and urban edge focus	Option 3: Wider focus	Option 4: Intensified urban focus	Option 5: New town
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	+?	+++	+?	+++	+?
<p>distribution of the development.</p> <p>However, where development is focussed in urban areas there are more likely to be opportunities to make use of brownfield sites and reuse existing buildings. All of the options for growth focus most development in Rugby town, so all could therefore have positive effects on the efficient use of land.</p> <p>Option 4 (intensified urban focus) would involve the highest proportion of development being steered to Rugby town; therefore may have a significant positive effect. Similarly, Option 2 (urban and urban edge focus) directs some development to the urban fringe of Coventry as well so could also have a significant positive effect.</p> <p>However, in all cases the potential positive effects are currently uncertain and will depend on the location of the specific sites to be developed, options for which are being subject to SA separately, including an appraisal of their likely effects on efficient land use and resource consumption.</p> <p>All new development will result in increased waste generation, regardless of its spatial distribution. The effects on this SA objective will therefore depend largely on the waste management practices used within the new development which will not be determined by its location.</p> <p>However, where development is focussed in urban areas there are more likely to be opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials on brownfield sites, which may help to reduce waste generation and increase recycling. All of the options involve focussing most development in Rugby town so would have at least minor positive effects, and the proportion would be highest under Option 4; therefore a potential significant positive effect is identified for that option. However, this is uncertain depending on the extent to which brownfield sites are developed and whether there are opportunities to reuse onsite materials. Similarly, Option 2 (urban and urban edge focus) could have a significant positive effect as it directs some development to the urban fringe of Coventry as well.</p>					

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<p>11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change</p>	+/-	+/-	+/-	++	+/-?
<p>12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk</p>	+?	+?	+?	+ +/-?	+/-?

The effects of development on the Borough's contribution to climate change will depend largely on the design of new buildings and whether they are built to high standards of energy efficiency, which cannot be determined at this stage. However, effects will also be determined by likely levels of car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions, which can be influenced by the broad location of development.

All of the options for growth focus most development in Rugby town, so all will have at least minor positive effects on reducing emissions from car use as the town is the best connected part of the Borough in terms of sustainable transport links such as bus routes, and because opportunities for people to walk and cycle to jobs, services and facilities are likely to be good.

Option 4 (intensified urban focus) would involve the highest proportion of development being steered to Rugby town; therefore is likely to have a significant positive effect.

The other options all focus most development in Rugby town but also direct a certain proportion to smaller settlements which may be poorly connected via sustainable transport, involve longer journey times, and therefore result in higher levels of emissions from car use. Therefore, mixed effects are likely overall for options 1 (existing balance), 2 (urban and urban edge focus), 3 (wider focus) and 5 (new town), with the potential negative effect being significant under Option 3 where the highest amount of growth would be directed to smaller settlements.

The mixed effects of Option 5 (new town) are to some extent uncertain and will depend on the location of the new town in relation to sustainable transport links and the scale of the development, i.e. whether it will be large enough to support frequent new bus services and whether it would operate as a self-contained settlement with housing and employment development alongside one another.

The effects of the options for growth on flood risk will depend largely on the specific location of development sites and their proximity to the areas of highest flood risk. Areas of high flood risk (Flood zones 2 and 3) are quite dispersed within Rugby Borough but include parts of Rugby town in proximity of the River Avon. Where development is

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13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	?	?
	<p>focussed in urban areas there may be good opportunities to make use of brownfield sites, thereby avoiding increases in the area of impermeable surfaces. As all of the options involve steering most development to urban areas, all have the potential for at least minor positive effects.</p> <p>While Option 4 (intensified urban focus) would involve the highest proportion of development being directed to urban areas, it may result in higher density development where it could be more difficult to incorporate green spaces which can help to increase infiltration and reduce runoff. Therefore, mixed effects are likely for that option, and both the potential significant positive and minor negative effects are currently uncertain depending on the specific location and design of development sites.</p> <p>The effects of Option 5 (new town) would depend largely on the location of the new town in relation to the areas of high flood risk, and the design of the development (in particular the incorporation of SuDS). Therefore the option is in part uncertain although it is potentially minor positive as it would still steer most development to urban areas (Rugby town), and also minor negative as it is likely to involve large scale new development which may be on greenfield land.</p> <p>Similarly, the effects of Options 1 (existing balance), 2 (urban and urban edge focus) and 3 (wider focus) are largely uncertain depending on the location of development sites. However, all three options could have minor positive effects as they steer most development to Rugby town where opportunities to use brownfield sites may be good.</p> <p>The effects of the options for growth on the historic environment will depend on the location of individual development sites and their proximity to features such as listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas. While there may be a higher concentration of such assets in urban areas, they will not necessarily be the most sensitive to the effects of nearby development. Effects will also be influenced by the design of the new development and the extent to which it forms part of the setting of sensitive heritage features. Therefore, the effects of all of the options for growth are currently uncertain. The individual housing and employment site options are being subject to SA separately, which includes an appraisal of their likely effects on the</p>				

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14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+/-	+/-	+/-	++	+/-?	<p>historic environment.</p> <p>All of the options for growth focus most development in Rugby town, so all will have at least minor positive effects on sustainable transport use as the town is the best connected part of the Borough in terms of sustainable transport links such as bus routes, and because opportunities for people to walk and cycle from home to jobs, services and facilities are likely to be higher.</p> <p>Option 4 (intensified urban focus) would involve the highest proportion of development being steered to Rugby town; therefore is likely to have a significant positive effect.</p> <p>The other options all focus most development in Rugby town but also direct a certain proportion to smaller settlements which may be poorly connected via sustainable transport and where journey times may be longer. Therefore, mixed effects are likely overall for options 1 (existing balance), 2 (urban and urban edge focus), 3 (wider focus) and 5 (new town), with the potential negative effect being significant under Option 3 where the highest amount of growth would be directed to smaller settlements.</p> <p>The mixed effects of Option 5 (new town) are to some extent uncertain and will depend on the location of the new town in relation to sustainable transport links and the scale of the development, i.e. whether it will be large enough to support frequent new bus services.</p>
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+/-	+/-	+/-	++/--	+/-	<p>All of the options for growth involve focussing development in Rugby, where an Air Quality Management Area has been declared in the town centre. Therefore, all options could contribute to increased air pollution in the town, having a negative effect on this SA objective. Option 4 (intensified urban focus) is likely to have a significant negative effect as that option steers the highest proportion of development to Rugby town.</p> <p>However at the same time, focussing development in Rugby town centre will help to reduce car use as journeys to work, services and facilities are likely to be shorter and it will be more feasible to walk or cycle. Therefore, positive effects are also likely for all of the options, resulting in mixed effects overall. Again, the effect is significant under</p>



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16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	?	?	?	?	?	<p>Option 4 where the highest proportion of development would be steered to Rugby town centre.</p> <p>The options for growth would not affect levels of noise and light pollution, with these issues being determined instead by the specific location of development sites in relation to sensitive receptors. Similarly, effects on water pollution will depend on the capacity of the relevant sewage treatment works to accommodate the level of growth proposed, rather than its location. These issues are being considered in relation to the individual site options during the separate SA of those options.</p>
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+/-?	-?	-?	+?	--?	<p>The effects of the options for growth on biodiversity will depend on the location of individual development sites and their proximity to sensitive habitats and species. While focussing more growth in urban areas may steer development away from greenfield sites where habitat loss may occur, brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity and fewer impacts on biodiversity cannot be assumed. Therefore, the effects of all of the options for growth are currently uncertain. The individual housing and employment site options are being subject to SA separately, which includes an appraisal of their likely effects on biodiversity.</p> <p>The effects of the options for growth on the landscape will depend to a large extent on the specific sites for development and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. The most up to date landscape sensitivity study for Rugby Borough<sup>55</sup> which was carried out in 2006 identified the most sensitive parts of the Borough, which were generally in the east although there were pockets of high landscape sensitivity to the north and south of Rugby town. The design of the development, for example the incorporation of screening, will also influence effects and cannot be determined at this stage.</p> <p>However, in general, a stronger urban focus will steer development away from more sensitive rural landscapes; therefore Option 4 (intensified urban focus) is likely to have a minor positive effect although this is uncertain depending on the specific location of</p>

<sup>55</sup> Warwickshire County Council (2006) Landscape Assessment of the Borough of Rugby: Sensitivity and Condition Study

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18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+	+	+	+++?	+
	<p>sites.</p> <p>Options 2 (urban and urban edge focus) and 3 (wider focus) would involve some boundary alterations at the main rural settlements which could have a negative effect on the landscape if this alters the scale and form of the settlement. However, any such impacts are likely to be minor as the development would still be part of an existing settlement. These options could also involve urban extensions at Rugby town which may have impacts on the landscape depending on their location and design.</p> <p>Option 1 (existing balance) is likely to have a minor positive effect as development would be mainly focused at Rugby town, and development in the main rural settlements would be within the existing settlement boundary. However, the option could again involve urban extensions to Rugby town; therefore the likely effect is mixed overall.</p> <p>Option 5 (new town) would involve the development of a new main rural settlement in the countryside (as well as potential urban extensions at Rugby town) and so has the potential for significant negative effects on the landscape although this is again uncertain depending on its location and design.</p>				
	<p>Under all of the options, the main focus of development would be in Rugby town; therefore all of the options are likely to have positive effects on enhancing the quality of the townscape through new development in the town, which it is assumed would be of high quality. Development focussed in the town will also offer opportunities to reuse derelict or under-used sites. Option 4 (intensified urban focus) is likely to have a significant positive effect as that option steers the highest proportion of development to Rugby town with only minimal amounts going to the local service centres. However, this is uncertain depending on whether the townscape is affected by over-intensification of development and loss of greenspace.</p>				

## Development Strategy

SA Objective	Option 1: As current CS1 settlement hierarchy	Option 2: As current CS1 but development permitted within existing boundaries at Local needs Settlements	Option 3: As current CS1 but some development permitted at Main Rural Settlements including boundary alterations as necessary	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	+?	0	The options for the development strategy will have largely negligible effects on this SA objective. However, Option 2 could result in more development coming forward in rural areas, which could help to stimulate better service provision in rural areas. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified for that option.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+/-	+/-	+/-	<p>Where development is focussed in urban areas, residents will have better access to services and facilities, including people without a car. However, wider distribution of development could help to maintain services and facilities in smaller settlements, or stimulate the provision of new services and facilities.</p> <p>All of the options focus most development at Rugby town, so are likely to have a positive effect in terms of providing access to the services and facilities that are concentrated there. However, there could also be a minor negative effect as drawing the majority of activity into Rugby town would mean that other settlements in the Borough do not benefit from the increased support for services and facilities that would come with population growth there. Mixed effects are therefore likely for all of the options.</p> <p>Option 1 would involve the highest proportion of development coming forward in Rugby town as it is restrictive to development in both Main Rural Settlements and Local Needs Settlements, with development only being permitted within existing boundaries. Options 2 and 3 are slightly more flexible and could result in slightly more development coming forward at Local Needs Settlements and Main Rural Settlements respectively. However, the difference in the amount of development at Rugby town is likely to be minimal and does not warrant significant positive or</p>

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3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	?	?	?	negative effects for Option 1.  The options for Rugby's development strategy would affect health by influencing how easily people are able to access healthcare facilities, and the extent to which people may be able to use active modes of travel (walking and cycling) day-to-day. However, these issues are addressed under other SA objectives (2: access to services and 14: sustainable transport) and effects on health would depend largely on the specific location of development site options including their proximity to GPs where there is capacity to accommodate new patients, and their proximity to footpaths and cycle paths. Therefore, the effects of all of the options for Rugby's development strategy are uncertain. The individual housing site options are being subject to SA separately, which includes an appraisal of their likely effects on health.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	++	++	++	All of the options for Rugby's development strategy will provide housing to meet the needs of the Borough; therefore all will have a significant positive effect on this SA objective. All of the options allow for at least the development of local needs housing at smaller rural settlements, and Option 2 allows for more general development within the existing boundaries of Local Needs Settlements.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	0	0	None of the options for Rugby's development strategy will have a direct effect on levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in Rugby Borough.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	+	+	+	All of the options for Rugby's development strategy will have a positive effect on Rugby Borough's economy as they will support population growth in the Borough which will increase demand for goods and services. The development proposed, regardless of its location, will help to support the construction industry and related services.

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7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	+	+	+	All of the options for Rugby's development strategy focus most development in Rugby town, so all will have positive effects on the vitality and viability of the town centre by increasing the number of people using the shops, services and facilities there day to day. High quality new development close to the town centre may also help to improve the public realm.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	+	+	+	All of the options for Rugby's development strategy focus most development in Rugby town, so all will have positive effects on the regeneration of urban areas.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	+?	+?	+/-?	<p>The effects of new development on this SA objective will depend largely on the onsite practices used, and the sustainability standards of the buildings, rather than the broad distribution of the development.</p> <p>However, where development is focussed in urban areas there are more likely to be opportunities to make use of brownfield sites and reuse existing buildings. All of the options for Rugby's development strategy focus most development in Rugby town, so all could therefore have positive effects on the efficient use of land.</p> <p>Option 3 could result in some boundary alterations at the Main Rural Settlements which could result in more development coming forward on greenfield land; therefore a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is identified for that option.</p> <p>However, in all cases the potential positive effects are currently uncertain and will depend on the location of the specific sites to be developed, options for which are being subject to SA separately, including an appraisal of their likely effects on efficient land use and resource consumption.</p>
10) Minimise waste and manage it	+?	+?	+?	All new development will result in increased waste generation, regardless of its spatial

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sustainably				<p>distribution. The effects on this SA objective will therefore depend largely on the waste management practices used within the new development which will not be determined by its location.</p> <p>However, where development is focussed in urban areas there are more likely to be opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials on brownfield sites, which may help to reduce waste generation and increase recycling. All of the options involve focussing most development in Rugby town so would have minor positive effects.</p>
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	+	+/-	+/-	<p>The effects of development on the Borough's contribution to climate change will depend largely on the design of new buildings and whether they are built to high standards of energy efficiency, which cannot be determined at this stage. However, effects will also be determined by likely levels of car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions, which can be influenced by the overall development strategy.</p> <p>All of the options for the development strategy focus most development in Rugby town, so all will have at least minor positive effects on reducing emissions from car use as the town is the best connected part of the Borough in terms of sustainable transport links such as bus routes, and because opportunities for people to walk and cycle to jobs, services and facilities are likely to be good.</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 could result in slight more development coming forward in the smaller settlements which may be poorly connected via sustainable transport and where journey times may be longer. Therefore, mixed effects are likely overall for Options 2 and 3.</p>
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+?	+?	+?	<p>The effects of the options for growth on flood risk will depend largely on the specific location of development sites and their proximity to the areas of highest flood risk. Areas of high flood risk (Flood zones 2 and 3) are quite dispersed within Rugby Borough but include parts of Rugby town</p>

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				<p>in proximity of the River Avon. Where development is focussed in urban areas there may be good opportunities to make use of brownfield sites, thereby avoiding increases in the area of impermeable surfaces. As all of the options involve steering most development to Rugby town, all have the potential for at least minor positive effects. While Options 2 and 3 could involve slightly more development coming forward at the Main Rural Settlements and Local Needs Settlements, the effects of this on flood risk are uncertain and will depend on the specific location of development sites.</p>
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	?	?	?	<p>The effects of the options for Rugby's development strategy on the historic environment will depend on the location of individual development sites and their proximity to features such as listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas. While there may be a higher concentration of such assets in urban areas, they will not necessarily be the most sensitive to the effects of nearby development. Effects will also be influenced by the design of the new development and the extent to which it forms part of the setting of sensitive heritage features. Therefore, the effects of all of the options for the development strategy are currently uncertain. The individual housing and employment site options are being subject to SA separately, which includes an appraisal of their likely effects on the historic environment.</p>
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+	+/-	+/-	<p>All of the options for Rugby's development strategy focus most development in Rugby town, so all will have at least minor positive effects on sustainable transport use as the town is the best connected part of the Borough in terms of sustainable transport links such as bus routes, and because opportunities for people to walk and cycle from home to jobs, services and facilities are likely to be higher.</p> <p>Options 2 and 3 could result in slight more development coming forward in the smaller settlements which may be poorly connected via sustainable transport and where journey times</p>

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15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+/-	+/-	+/-	<p>may be longer. Therefore, mixed effects are likely overall for Options 2 and 3.</p> <p>All of the options for Rugby's development strategy involve focussing most development in Rugby town, where an Air Quality Management Area has been declared in the town centre. Therefore, all options could contribute to increased air pollution in the town, having a negative effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>However at the same time, focussing development in Rugby town centre will help to reduce car use as journeys to work, services and facilities are likely to be shorter and it will be more feasible to walk or cycle. Therefore, positive effects are also likely for all of the options, resulting in mixed effects overall.</p> <p>The options for the development strategy would not affect levels of noise and light pollution, with these issues being determined instead by the specific location of development sites in relation to sensitive receptors. Similarly, effects on water pollution will depend on the capacity of the relevant sewage treatment works to accommodate the level of growth proposed, rather than its location. These issues are being considered in relation to the individual site options during the separate SA of those options.</p>
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	?	?	?	<p>The effects of the options for Rugby's development strategy on biodiversity will depend on the location of individual development sites and their proximity to sensitive habitats and species. While all of the options focus most development at Rugby town, which may steer development away from greenfield sites where habitat loss may occur, brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity and fewer impacts on biodiversity cannot be assumed. Therefore, the effects of all of the options for growth are currently uncertain. The individual housing and employment site options are being subject to SA separately, which includes an appraisal of their likely effects on biodiversity.</p>



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17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+?	+?	-?	<p>The effects of the options for Rugby's development strategy will depend to a large extent on the specific sites allocated for development and their proximity to sensitive landscapes. The most up to date landscape sensitivity study for Rugby Borough<sup>56</sup> which was carried out in 2006 identified the most sensitive parts of the Borough, which were generally in the east although there were pockets of high landscape sensitivity to the north and south of Rugby town. The design of the development, for example the incorporation of screening, will also influence effects and cannot be determined at this stage.</p> <p>Options 1 and 2 are likely to have a minor positive effect as development would be mainly focused at Rugby town, and development in the Main Rural Settlements and Local Needs Settlements would be within the existing settlement boundaries.</p> <p>However, Option 3 could have a minor negative effect as it would permit some development including boundary alterations at the Main Rural settlements which could have a negative effect on the landscape if this alters the scale and form of the settlement. However, any such impacts are likely to be minor as the development would still be part of an existing settlement.</p>
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+	+	+	<p>Under all three options, the main focus of development would be in Rugby town; therefore all of the options are likely to have positive effects on enhancing the quality of the townscape through new development in the town, which it is assumed would be of high quality. Development focussed in the town will also offer opportunities to reuse derelict or under-used sites.</p>

<sup>56</sup> Warwickshire County Council (2006) Landscape Assessment of the Borough of Rugby: Sensitivity and Condition Study

## Landscaping

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the Local Plan contain a policy requiring land landscape, where necessary to be incorporated into development proposals, which are sympathetic to the surrounding environment.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not replace the landscaping policy and reply upon other local and national guidance. Although there is no specific policy requirement to have such a policy, this approach is not favoured because it reduces the ability to ensure development is assimilated into its environment.

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1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	The incorporation of landscaping into development proposals is likely to have a positive effect on reducing flood risk by increasing areas of permeable land such as greenspaces within new development. This would be particularly beneficial where greenfield sites are being developed.	-	Not including a locally specific landscaping policy in the Local Plan and instead relying on other guidance would mean that landscaping is less likely to be incorporated consistently into new developments. This could have a minor negative effect on flood risk by reducing the inclusion of permeable surfaces within developments, which may be particularly harmful where greenfield sites are developed.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	The incorporation of landscaping proposals may have a positive effect on nearby heritage assets and their setting by ensuring that new development meets high standards of design, although this would be dependent on proximity to heritage assets.	-?	Not including a locally specific landscaping policy in the Local Plan and instead relying on other guidance would mean that landscaping is less likely to be incorporated consistently into new developments. This

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				could have a minor negative effect on the setting of nearby heritage features as development may be of a less sympathetic appearance. However, this is uncertain depending on the proximity of heritage features and the design of the development.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to landscaping is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	+	The incorporation of landscaping into development proposals is likely to have a minor positive effect through the promotion of habitat creation and biodiversity linkages.	-	Not including a locally specific landscaping policy in the Local Plan and instead relying on other guidance would mean that landscaping is less likely to be incorporated consistently into new developments. This could have a minor negative effect on biodiversity as opportunities to incorporate enhancements into new developments and retain habitat connectivity may be lost.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	++	The proposed approach to landscaping would result in a significant positive effect as its primary aim is to ensure that new developments are landscaped and therefore contribute to the quality of the wider surroundings.	-	Not including a locally specific landscaping policy in the Local Plan and instead relying on other guidance would mean that landscaping is less likely to be incorporated into new developments. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as developments are less likely to make a positive contribution to the wider surroundings.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	++	The incorporation of landscaping into development proposals is likely to have a significant positive effect on	-	Not including a locally specific landscaping policy in the Local Plan and instead relying

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
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		enhancing townscape quality as it would enhance the appearance of new developments and improve the quality of the built environment.		on other guidance would mean that landscaping is less likely to be incorporated into new developments. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as developments are less likely to make a positive contribution to the townscape and overall quality of the built environment.

### Safeguarding development potential

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which aims to safeguard the development potential of land and prevent blight of land which may be caused by development proposals.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not replace the safeguarding development potential policy and rely upon other local and national guidance. This is not favoured as it is considered that a policy at the local level is required to ensure that development potential of land is not prejudiced.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	+/-	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential could restrict housing developments coming forward if they are proposed in locations which could	+/-	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential would not lead to the restriction of housing developments

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		have caused blight of other land. However, by preventing new developments from causing blight of land, the policy approach would help to safeguard high quality sites for potential future housing development and avoid detrimental effects on the quality of existing housing. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.		coming forward; however this approach would be less likely to safeguard high quality sites for future housing development and avoid detrimental effects on the quality of existing housing. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	+/-	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential could restrict employment land being developed. However, by preventing new developments from causing blight of land, the policy approach would help to safeguard high quality sites for potential future employment development and avoid detrimental effects on the quality of existing employment sites which could otherwise discourage investors. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall .	+/-	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development would not lead to the restriction of employment developments coming forward, however, this approach would be less likely to safeguard high quality sites for future employment developments and avoid detrimental effects on the quality of existing employment development. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
renewables				
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	Preventing developments from causing blight of land may have a positive effect on heritage assets and their settings where such assets are in close proximity of development proposals and could have been detrimentally affected as a result. However, this is uncertain depending on the proximity of such assets.	-?	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential could mean that development is more likely to come forward which would negatively affect the setting of heritage assets, although this is uncertain depending on the proximity of these assets.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity,	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this	0	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development potential is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
flora and fauna		SA objective.		objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+	This policy should avoid inappropriate development which could otherwise have a negative effect on the landscape. Preventing development which could otherwise cause blight of land would result in a positive effect on this SA objective.	-	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development may result in development coming forward which could negatively affect the quality of landscapes and a minor negative effect is therefore likely.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+	Safeguarding land from inappropriate development which could otherwise cause blight of land is likely to have a positive effect on maintaining the quality of townscapes by avoiding development having adverse effects on the appearance of its surroundings.	-	The reasonable alternative approach to safeguarding development may result in development coming forward which is a blight on land which in turn could negatively affect the quality of townscapes. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.

#### Development affecting parks and gardens and other element of historic landscape

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to protect historic parks and gardens and historic landscape from any adverse impacts on their character, setting and appearance from development proposals

**Reasonable Alternative:** Given the requirement contained within national policy it is considered there is no realistic alternative.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	-?	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks, gardens and landscapes could potentially restrict housing developments coming forward if they are proposed in locations which could have negative effects on the setting, character and appearance of parks and gardens or other elements of the historic landscape.	N/A	N/A
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscapes is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	-?	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks, gardens and landscapes could restrict employment locations which could have negative effects on the setting, character and appearance of parks and gardens or other elements of the historic landscape.	N/A	N/A
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	This policy would restrict development which could otherwise have a negative effect on the setting, appearance and character of historic parks, gardens and landscapes. This would result in a significant positive effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	++	This policy should restrict development which could otherwise have a negative effect on the setting, appearance and character of historic landscapes. This would result in a significant positive effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed approach to protecting historic parks and gardens and historic landscape is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

### Airport flight paths

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which ensures that flight paths and aviation infrastructure within the Borough are safeguarded from the impacts of development which may affect their operation. The policy will also clarify that the NATs should be consulted on relevant applications.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not replace the airport flight paths policy and rely upon other local and national guidance. This approach is not favoured as it could result in an ad hoc consideration of safeguarding.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+	This policy would restrict development within flight paths and in the vicinity of aviation infrastructure if it could otherwise affect its operation. This could have an indirect positive effect on health as fewer people are likely to be exposed to the noise associated with flight paths.	-	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development could have a minor negative effect on this SA objective as it is more likely that development could come forward in flight paths, thus exposing more people to the effects of noise which can adversely impact on health.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which	-?	This policy could lead to the restriction of housing development in certain locations which could affect the	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
meets the needs of the Borough		number of housing developments coming forward. However, this is uncertain and would depend on housing developments being proposed in locations that could affect the operation of airport infrastructure. It is also noted that residential development within flight paths may not have comprised 'decent housing' in any case, due to potential noise issues.		development could mean that housing development is less likely to be restricted in certain locations; however housing within close proximity of flight paths or airport infrastructure is unlikely to be of high quality and a negligible effect is likely overall.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	-/+	This policy could lead to the restriction of employment development in certain locations which could affect the positive impact that these developments would have on the local economy. However, this is uncertain and would depend on employment developments being proposed in locations that could affect the operation of airport infrastructure. In addition, ensuring the ongoing smooth operation of airport infrastructure should have a positive effect on the local economy and a mixed effect is therefore likely overall.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is less likely to be restricted in certain locations; however there is more chance that the smooth operation of airport infrastructure would be compromised by inappropriate development. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently,	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
and increase energy generated from renewables				effect on this SA objective
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+	This policy would restrict development along aviation flight paths and within the proximity of aviation infrastructure in certain circumstances, which would have an indirect positive effect on reducing exposure to noise pollution.	-	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development could result in a minor negative effect on this SA objective as development would not be restricted within close proximity of airport infrastructure or flight paths which could have an indirect effect of more people being exposed to noise pollution.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to safeguarding flight paths and aviation infrastructure from development is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective

#### Retention of existing strategically significant employment sites

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to retain existing strategically significant employment sites for employment use and resist other uses.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to no longer protect those sites and to rely upon other national and local policy. This approach is not favoured as it would afford the protection required of those sites in supporting the overall employment strategy of the emerging local plan and would require additional sites to be found to compensate the loss.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	Retaining strategically significant employment sites and restricting other uses is likely to have a positive effect on retaining employment opportunities at a sub-regional level which would otherwise be lost if sites were developed for housing, for example.	-	By removing the protection afforded to strategic employment land, there could be a loss of employment opportunities at a sub-regional level which would negatively impact upon levels of poverty and disadvantage.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the	-?	Retaining strategically significant employment sites and restricting other uses could have a negative effect on this objective if it were to restrict the development of services and facilities as part of the redevelopment of	+?	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and restricting other uses could have a positive effect on this objective as there would be the opportunity for large mixed-use development

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
community		those sites.		to come forward which could potentially include leisure facilities.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The proposed alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	-	Retaining strategically significant employment sites and restricting other uses is likely to have a negative effect on providing affordable and decent homes as housing development may otherwise have come forward on those sites.	+	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses would have a positive effect on this objective as there may be opportunities for sites to be redeveloped for housing to meet local need.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	++	Retaining strategically significant employment sites and restricting other uses is likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective as it will help to retain employment opportunities and assist businesses in finding appropriate land and premises, thereby encouraging investment.	-?	By removing the protection afforded to strategically significant employment sites, such sites may be lost to other types of developments such as housing which could have a negative effect on the local economy.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining strategically significant employment sites and resisting other uses is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

#### Retention of other employment land

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to retain existing employment sites within the borough unless demonstrated a demand for employment use no longer required

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to no longer protect those sites and to rely upon other national and local policy. However, this approach is not favoured because it is important that the existing diversity and location of employment sites are maintained to support the local community .

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	A policy requiring the retention of existing employment sites unless it is demonstrated that there is no longer a need would help to retain employment opportunities and reduce poverty and disadvantage.	-	By removing the protection afforded to other employment land, there could be a loss of employment opportunities across the Borough as the land may be used for other forms of development.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	-?	Retaining existing employment sites unless it is demonstrated that there is no longer a need could have a minor negative effect on this objective if the redevelopment of those sites for other uses associated with services and facilities were to be prevented.	+?	The alternative approach to retaining existing employment sites could have a positive effect on this objective as there would be the opportunity for other types of development to come forward on employment sites, which may be associated with services and

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	-?	Retaining existing employment sites unless it is demonstrated that there is no longer a need could have a minor negative effect on providing affordable and decent homes across the Borough as it will prevent sites from being redeveloped for other uses which may include housing.	+?	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites could have a positive effect on this objective as there might be opportunities for housing developments to come forward on existing employment sites.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	++	The retention of existing employment sites unless it is demonstrated that there is no longer a need is likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective as it will help to retain employment opportunities and assist businesses in finding appropriate land and premises.	-	By removing the protection afforded to existing employment sites, other developments such as housing may come forward which would remove employment and business investment opportunities.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	+	The fact that the proposed policy would allow for the redevelopment of employment sites where it is demonstrated that there is no longer a need for those sites is likely to have a minor positive effect on promoting the regeneration of urban areas, as it should help to avoid empty and unviable sites being retained for employment use when there is no realistic prospect of them being occupied, and allow for high quality new development on the sites that would help to regenerate	+?	Removing the protection afforded to other employment sites may mean that other developments may come forward on those sites which could better contribute to the regeneration of urban areas in comparison to employment sites which may be poor quality or unoccupied.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		the surrounding area.		
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to retaining other employment sites is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

### Food and drink uses in the town centre shopping area

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to control the change of use to food and drinks use in the town centre.  
**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to have no policy guidance at the local level. This option is not favoured as there would no longer be control over the amount of these uses which are considered to be ancillary to the town centre.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+	Controlling the change of use to food and drinks uses in the town centre is likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective by ensuring that the town centre retains a wider range of shops, services and facilities and avoiding the town centre offer becoming imbalanced.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+	Controlling the change of use to food and drinks uses in the town centre is likely to have a positive effect on health as this should help to discourage the consumption of unhealthy food from takeaways.	-	Having no policy to prevent the change of use to food and drinks uses is likely to have a minor negative effect on health as there is more likely to be a concentration of takeaways which would encourage the consumption of unhealthy food.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
meets the needs of the Borough		have a direct effect on this SA objective.		objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	+	Controlling the change of use to food and drinks uses in the town centre is likely to have a positive effect on this objective as it would help to avoid a concentration of takeaways in the town centre which could be a focus for anti-social behaviour at night time.	-	Having no policy to prevent the change of use to food and drinks uses is likely to have a negative effect on this objective as there is more likely to be a concentration of takeaways in the town centre which can become a focus for anti-social behaviour at night time.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	++	Controlling the change of use to food and drinks uses in the town centre is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective as it would help to ensure that the town centre accommodates a wider range of uses would be open during the day and avoiding a concentration of takeaways which mainly operate at night.	-	Having no policy to prevent the change of use to food and drinks uses would have a negative effect on this objective as there is more likely to be a concentration of takeaways and other food outlets in the town centre which would mostly operate at night, resulting in reduced vitality during the day and limiting the range of services and therefore the viability of the town centre.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

## Parish Plans

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which requires that parish level (or community equivalent) produced documents endorsed by the council which is in conformity with the local plan be taken into account when considering new development where relevant.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not replace the policy and to rely upon the application of the parish level (or community-led equivalent) without additional policy support. This approach is not favoured as it important to ensure that those community level documents (in particular those which are non-statutory) are considered in determining relevant development proposals.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to have a positive effect on social inclusion by enabling and encouraging people to be more actively and effectively involved in decision making.	-	The alternative policy approach could have a minor negative effect on this objective as people may be less able to be effectively involved in decision making in their local community, as community plans (particularly non statutory ones) may be less likely to be taken into account in decision making.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

### Enhancing the strategic green infrastructure network

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which supports the protection of existing GI assets and the enhancement of those GI assets in the creation of the GI network, which will be supported by an indicative map. This policy will be similar to the approach as contained within CS14

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to rely on other national and local level policy guidance and designations afforded to individual GI assets. However, it is not considered this approach is consistent with the aspirations of the NPPF in respect of wildlife corridors.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to lead to there being more opportunities for outdoor recreation such as walking and cycling and a positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets could mean that there are fewer associated opportunities for leisure.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to lead to there being more opportunities for outdoor recreation such as walking and cycling, which in turn will lead to improvements in health and wellbeing.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy may lead to opportunities to promote health and wellbeing through enhanced GI assets being lost.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets in town centres is likely to lead to improvements in the quality of the public realm which will encourage shoppers and visitors.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets would mean that there are likely to be benefits associated with improving the public realm and the town centre may become less attractive and less appealing to shoppers and visitors.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets in urban areas is likely to lead to improvements in the quality of these areas and will improve people's satisfaction in their neighbourhood.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets would mean that there is likely to be improvements to the quality and appearance of urban areas and could lead to these areas becoming less attractive and local people being dissatisfied with their neighbourhood.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to have a minor positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, as improvements to the GI network may encourage and facilitate higher levels of walking and cycling in place of car use.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets would mean that there are less likely to be benefits for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport as a result of improvements to walking and cycle routes.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective as ensuring that there are GI assets within built development will help to retain and increase the area of permeable	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets would mean that there are less likely to be benefits for reducing flood risk as a

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to have an indirect positive effect on helping to conserve and enhance the setting of cultural heritage assets as a result of improvements to the wider appearance of the built environment.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets would mean that there are less likely to be improvements to the setting of heritage assets as a result of incorporating GI into the built environment.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective as improvements to the GI network are likely to include improvements to walking and cycle paths which may encourage and facilitate higher levels of sustainable transport use.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets could mean that there is less likelihood of increasing walking and cycling rates through improvements to walking and cycle routes.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to help to protect soil quality and improve local air quality (as a result of more people walking and cycling), leading to a minor positive effect on this objective.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets could mean that there is more chance of soil quality deteriorating and there would be fewer opportunities to improve local air quality through GI enhancements leading to increased walking and cycling.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	++	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective as it will allow for the maintenance and enhancement of wildlife corridors and the promotion of new habitats.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to have a negative effect on this objective as opportunities to enhance biodiversity through GI provision are less likely to be realised.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to have a positive effect on safeguarding and enhancing the wider character of the landscape and local distinctiveness.	-	The lack of a local policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to reduce the chances of the landscape and local distinctiveness being improved through the incorporation of GI.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+	The protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to have a positive effect on safeguarding and enhancing the character and quality of townscape and sense of place.	-	The lack of a local policy relating to the protection and enhancement of GI assets is likely to reduce the chances of the character and quality of townscapes being improved through the incorporation of GI.

### Green infrastructure allocations

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy similar to that contained within CS15 which would allocate land for GI where associated with growth in the borough.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not have such a policy and to rely upon the protection of any existing GI assets. However, it is considered that this approach not be taken forward as it does not provide an opportunity for enhancement of GI on the back of new growth.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+	The provision of new GI assets alongside new development is likely to lead to there being more opportunities for outdoor recreation such as walking and cycling.	-	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be less opportunity for the enhancement of existing GI assets and a limit to the contribution that these assets make to providing leisure opportunities. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+	The provision of new GI assets alongside new development is likely to lead to there being more opportunities for outdoor recreation such as walking and cycling, which in turn will lead to improvements in health and wellbeing and will promote outdoor recreation.	-	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and a limit to the contribution that these assets make to improving health. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	+	The provision of new GI assets alongside new development in urban areas is likely to lead to improvements in the quality of these areas and will improve people's satisfaction in their neighbourhood.	-	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and a limit to the contribution that these assets make to urban regeneration. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	+	The proposed policy approach could have a minor positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport, if the GI to be provided includes walking and cycle routes which may contribute to reduced car	-?	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets to contribute to increased walking

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	++	<p>use.</p> <p>The provision of GI assets alongside new development is likely to lead to their being more permeable surface areas which is likely to have a positive effect on managing flood risk across the Borough.</p>	-	<p>and cycling and therefore reduced emissions from car use.</p> <p>Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and a limit to the contribution that these assets make to managing flood risk. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	<p>The provision of GI assets alongside new development is likely to help conserve and enhance the setting of nearby cultural heritage assets.</p>	-	<p>Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and the contributing that these assets make to conserving the setting of heritage assets. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+?	<p>The proposed policy approach could have a minor positive effect on encouraging sustainable transport use, if the GI to be provided includes walking and cycle routes which may contribute to reduced car use.</p>	-?	<p>Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets to contribute to increased walking and cycling and reduced car use.</p>
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+?	<p>The provision of GI assets is likely to help to protect soil quality and could improve local air quality if the GI provided includes walking and cycle routes which may contribute to reduced car use.</p>	-	<p>Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and a limitation to the contribution that these assets make to reducing soil and air pollution. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	++	The provision of GI assets alongside new development is likely to have a significant positive effect on this objective as it will allow for the maintenance and enhancement of wildlife corridors and the promotion of new habitats within the Borough.	-	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure allocation policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and a limitation to the contribution that these assets make to conserving and enhancing biodiversity. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+?	The provision of GI assets alongside new development is likely to help safeguard and enhance the character of the landscape and local distinctiveness. It is also possible that it will reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and under-used land where this is used to enhance the GI network.	-	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and the contribution that these assets make to enhancing landscapes. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+?	The provision of GI assets alongside new development is likely to help safeguard and enhance the character and quality of townscape and sense of place as a result of improvements to the wider built environment. It is also possible that it will reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and under-used land where this is used to enhance the GI network.	-	Not including a locally specific green infrastructure policy in the Local Plan would mean that there would be fewer opportunities for the enhancement of existing GI assets and the contribution that these assets make to improving the quality of townscapes. This is likely to have a minor negative effect on this SA objective.

### Sustainable design and sustainable construction

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which reflects the building requirement elements of CS16 and CS17.  
**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not have such a policy and to rely only on building regulations

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage	+	The proposed policy approach would have a minor positive effect on reducing fuel poverty as it would be	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
and social exclusion		expected to reflect policies CS16 and CS17 which include a range of measures for improving the energy efficiency of homes and other buildings.		Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise help to reduce fuel poverty) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+?	Policy CS16 promotes the use of sustainable modes of transport in order to reduce non-renewable forms of energy. Reflecting this in a new policy relating to sustainable design and construction could have an indirect minor positive effect on health and wellbeing as a result of more people being encouraged to make use of walking and cycling.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise indirectly benefit health) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to result in new housing developments to be of high quality, which would have a positive effect on this SA objective.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise improve the overall quality of the Borough's housing stock) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	++	One of the primary purposes of a policy relating to sustainable design and construction would be to improve the energy efficiency of new developments, and it is expected that the new policy would reflect Core Strategy policies CS16 and CS17 which make provision for incorporating renewable or low carbon energy forms into developments, as well as achieving high water conservation standards and reducing carbon emissions. This policy approach is therefore likely to result in a significant positive effect on this SA objective.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise improve the energy efficiency of new development) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	?	The proposed policy approach could have a positive effect on sustainable waste management if it includes criteria relating to this issue; however policies CS16 and CS17 which it is expected the new policy would reflect do not address this issue. The potential effects of the policy approach are therefore currently uncertain.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	++	One of the primary purposes of a policy relating to sustainable design and construction would be to reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change and it is expected that the new policy would reflect Core Strategy policies CS16 and CS17 which stipulate that new developments should take into account the effects	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise help to reduce the Borough's

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		of climate change through the incorporation of SuDS, and the promotion of sustainable transport and renewable forms of energy. This policy approach is therefore likely to result in a significant positive effect on this SA objective.		contribution to climate change) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+	It is expected that the new policy would reflect the provisions of existing Core Strategy policy CS16 which requires all development to incorporate SuDS. Therefore, this policy approach is likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise help to reduce flood risk) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	It is expected that the new policy would reflect the provisions of existing Core Strategy policy CS16 which seeks to ensure that new development complements and enhances the historical environment and does not have a significant effect on designated and non-designated assets and their settings. This approach is therefore likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise help to conserve and enhance the historic environment) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+	It is expected that the new policy would reflect the provisions of existing Core Strategy policy CS16 which encourages the use of sustainable methods of transport. This policy approach is therefore likely to have a positive effect on this SA objective.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise help to encourage sustainable transport use) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+	It is expected that the new policy would reflect the provisions of existing Core Strategy policy CS16 which encourages the use of sustainable methods of transport. This policy approach is therefore likely to have a positive effect on improving air quality and reducing air pollution.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise help to reduce air pollution) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+	It is expected that the new policy would reflect the provisions of existing Core Strategy policy CS16 which seeks to ensure that density and design of developments would not cause any material harm to the qualities, character and amenity of the areas in which they are situated. This policy approach is therefore likely to have a positive effect on the landscape.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise protect and enhance the Borough's landscape) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+	It is expected that the new policy would reflect the provisions of existing Core Strategy policy CS16 which seeks to ensure that all development demonstrates high quality, inclusive and sustainable design. This approach would therefore help to enhance the local character and distinctiveness of town centres, and a positive effect is likely.	-?	Not including a locally specific policy relating to sustainable design and construction in the Local Plan and relying only on building regulations could mean that high standards of design and construction (which could otherwise maintain and enhance the Borough's townscapes) are less likely to be achieved although this is uncertain

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				depending on how the standards set out in the local policy would compare with building regulations.

### Affordable housing

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy consistent with the provisions of the NPPF and NPPG which requires developments of a certain size and location to contain an element of affordable housing, as defined in national guidance. However, the policy will contain wording which ensures the provision of affordable housing does not compromise the ability of the site to come forward.

**Reasonable Alternative:** Given the requirement contained within national policy it is considered there is no realistic alternative.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	The provision of affordable homes is likely to have a positive effect on social inclusion by providing for the housing needs of all sections of the community.	N/A	N/A
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	++	The proposed policy approach would mean that affordable housing is provided to meet the needs of all sectors of the community which will help to reduce homelessness and provide a decent home for all. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.	N/A	N/A
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna		direct effect on this SA objective.		
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

### Local housing need

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to deliver a locally derived housing need where identified in main rural settlements and local needs settlements.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not have a locally specific policy to meeting housing needs. There is no considered to be favoured as recent local housing needs surveys identify that there is a housing need in rural areas.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	By delivering housing to meet local needs, there are likely to be benefits for social inclusion by providing for the housing needs of these rural communities, resulting in a minor positive effect.	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to local housing need is likely to result in a minor negative effect on levels of disadvantage and social exclusion as rural communities are more likely to be disadvantaged in terms of housing supply.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the	++	The proposed policy approach means that there will be provision made for a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of the rural community. Therefore, a	-	Not including a locally specific policy relating to local housing need is likely to have a minor negative effect on housing as the

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
Borough		significant positive effect on this SA objective is likely.		housing needs of rural communities would be less likely to be met.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
6) Promote/enhance a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
network		is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.		affect this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed approach to a policy on local housing need is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative option is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.

### Rural exceptions housing

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to guide rural exception housing sites.  
**Reasonable Alternative:** Given the requirement contained within national policy it is considered there is no realistic alternative.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	A policy that guides rural exception housing is likely to have a minor positive effect on social inclusion by providing for the housing needs of rural communities.	N/A	N/A
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which	++?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception	N/A	N/A



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
meets the needs of the Borough		housing sites is likely to have a significant positive effect on ensuring that housing is available to meet local needs. However, this is uncertain depending on the criteria to be included in the policy and how restrictive it might be.		
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites could have a positive or negative effect on the prudent and efficient use of land, depending on whether it includes criteria encouraging the development of brownfield land for rural exception housing, or whether it could potentially result in the development of greenfield land in rural locations where development would not normally be permitted. The likely effect on this SA objective is therefore currently uncertain.	N/A	N/A
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	-?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites could result in housing development in	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		rural areas being more likely to come forward which could have a negative effect on greenhouse gas emissions as levels of car use are likely to be higher amongst rural residents. However, the potential minor negative effect is uncertain depending on whether the policy would include criteria relating to the accessibility of sites in relation to public transport links.		
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	-?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites could involve development on greenfield land adjacent to rural settlements. The proposed approach may therefore increase overall flood risk by increasing the area of impermeable surfaces on greenfield land. Therefore, a minor negative effect on this SA objective is likely although this is uncertain depending on the criteria eventually included in the policy and whether they address flood risk issues.	N/A	N/A
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	-?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites may have an indirect minor negative effect on the use of sustainable transport by resulting in more development in rural areas where residents are less likely to be able to make use of public transport. However, the potential minor negative effect is uncertain depending on whether the policy would include criteria relating to the accessibility of sites in relation to public transport links.	N/A	N/A
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	-?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites may have an adverse effect on air quality by resulting in more development in rural areas where residents are more likely to require travel by car. However, the AQMA in the Borough is located at Rugby's	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach SA Score	Proposed Approach Justification	Reasonable Alternative SA Score	Reasonable Alternative Justification
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	-?	urban area and is unlikely to be affected by this proposed approach. Therefore, a potential minor negative effect on this objective is although this is uncertain depending on whether the policy would include criteria relating to the accessibility of sites in relation to public transport links. A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites may have an adverse effect on biodiversity by allowing development in the open countryside that is more likely to support flora and fauna, including the seven SSSI designations in the Borough. Therefore, a potential minor negative effect on this objective is likely although this is uncertain depending on whether the policy would include criteria relating to the protection of biodiversity.	N/A	N/A
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	-?	A policy that provides guidance for rural exception housing sites may adversely affect the landscape in Rugby Borough by resulting in development in the open countryside where it would not normally be permitted. Therefore, a potential minor negative effect on this objective is likely although this is uncertain depending on whether the policy would include criteria relating to the protection of the landscape.	N/A	N/A
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

## Noise

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy that seeks to prevent new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution and to mitigate where necessary

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to continue without a specific policy on seeking to reduce the impacts of noise from new development and rely upon national guidance which requires the impacts of noise to be considered.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach SA Score	Proposed Approach Justification	Reasonable Alternative SA Score	Reasonable Alternative Justification
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SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+	By having a locally specific policy which seeks to prevent new and existing developments from contributing to noise pollution, residents of the Borough will be less likely to be exposed to levels of noise that could otherwise adversely affect health.	-	By not having a locally specific policy that seeks to prevent new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution, residents of the Borough are more likely to be exposed to levels of noise that could otherwise adversely affect health.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	++	Having a locally specific policy which seeks to prevent new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution would have a significant positive effect on this SA objective.	-	By not having a locally specific policy seeking to prevent new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution, noise pollution levels are more likely to be high within the Borough.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	+	Having a locally specific policy which seeks to prevent new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution could have an indirect minor positive effect on biodiversity as it is less likely that species which are sensitive to noise could be affected by development.	-	By not having a locally specific policy seeking to prevent new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution, it is more likely that species which are sensitive to noise could be adversely affected.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.	0	The alternative approach to preventing new and existing development from contributing to noise pollution is not likely to directly affect this SA objective.

### Information and communications technology

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which supports the expansion of telecommunication and broadband and provide advice on the consideration of new telecommunication sites.

**Reasonable Alternative:** Given the requirement contained within national policy it is considered there is no realistic alternative.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough is expected to have a minor positive effect on reducing	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion. As well as helping to support employment provision, including in the more derived area of the Borough, improved broadband access would help people to participate in social and community activities, including people with access issues.		
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough is expected to have a minor positive effect on improving access to services, leisure and cultural opportunities as the expansion of broadband services in particular should help to ensure that people are able to access services and information remotely and from home. This will be particularly beneficial for people with access issues.	N/A	N/A
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	+	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough is expected to have a minor positive effect on promoting a strong, stable and sustainable local economy as the provision of high quality telecommunication and broadband services will attract and support the operation of businesses.	N/A	N/A
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to have a minor positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles as improved broadband in the Borough may enable more people to work from home, thus reducing levels of commuting by car. Improvements to telecommunications infrastructure and broadband may also help to reduce the need for business travel, with people more easily able to undertake meetings remotely.	N/A	N/A
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy approach would not have a direct effect on the achievement of this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough could have a minor positive effect on conserving and enhancing the historic environment, as the policy would include advice on where telecommunications sites should be located and this may take into account potential impacts on heritage features. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely.	N/A	N/A
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to have a minor positive effect on reducing traffic volumes as improved	N/A	N/A



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
network		broadband in the Borough may enable more people to work from home, thus reducing levels of commuting by car. Improvements to telecommunications infrastructure and broadband may also help to reduce the need for business travel, with people more easily able to undertake meetings remotely.		
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+	The proposed policy approach is likely to have a minor positive effect on reducing air pollution associated with vehicle traffic as improved broadband in the Borough may enable more people to work from home, thus reducing levels of commuting by car. Improvements to telecommunications infrastructure and broadband may also help to reduce the need for business travel, with people more easily able to undertake meetings remotely.	N/A	N/A
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	+?	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough could have a minor positive effect on conserving and enhancing biodiversity as the policy would include advice on where telecommunications sites should be located and this may take into account potential impacts on biodiversity. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely.	N/A	N/A
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+?	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough could have a minor positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the quality of the landscape as the policy would include advice on where telecommunications sites should be located and this may take into account potential impacts on the landscape. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely.	N/A	N/A
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+?	A policy supporting the expansion of telecommunications and broadband in the Borough	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		could have a minor positive effect on maintaining and enhancing the quality of townscapes as the policy would include advice on where telecommunications sites should be located and this may take into account potential impacts on the built environment. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely.		

### Marinas and houseboats

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to continue without a specific policy on marinas and houseboats and rely upon national guidance and other local policy in relation to impacts

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	+	A policy relating to the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is expected to have a minor positive effect on housing as the policy would help to ensure that houseboats are appropriately located, which would contribute to their overall standard. However, there is some uncertainty	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is expected to have a minor negative on housing. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		attached to the potential positive effect as it is not yet clear what factors would be taken into account when considering the impacts of the location of marinas and houseboat moorings.		addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and this may have a detrimental effect on their overall quality.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on the efficient use of land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources, depending on the criteria that are addressed in the policy which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on the efficient use of land, soils, minerals and water resources.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on reducing the contribution of vehicle traffic to climate change, depending on whether the criteria that are addressed in the policy include accessibility considerations which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle movements.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on reducing flood risk, depending on the criteria that are addressed in the policy which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on flood risk.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on avoiding adverse impacts on the historic environment, depending on the criteria that are addressed in the policy which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on enabling sustainable transport use, depending on whether the criteria that are addressed in the policy include accessibility considerations which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on levels of sustainable transport use.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on reducing pollution, depending on the criteria that are addressed in the policy which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on levels of pollution.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on avoiding adverse impacts on biodiversity, depending on the criteria that are addressed in the policy which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on biodiversity.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	+?	Including a policy which addresses the impacts of the location of marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is could have a minor positive effect on avoiding adverse impacts on the landscape, depending on the criteria that are addressed in the policy which is not yet known. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which considers the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent houseboat moorings is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing the impacts of marinas and permanent moorings it is less likely that they will be appropriately located and may be more likely to have a detrimental effect on the landscape.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	A policy considering the impact of the location of new marinas and permanent mooring of houseboats is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

### General infrastructure policy

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth. This policy would support a revised Infrastructure Delivery Plan to be appended to the Local Plan identifying mitigation.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to have no policy to support the implementation of the IDP.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	Including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is expected to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing infrastructure becoming overloaded which could result in social exclusion and shortages in facilities in both rural and urban areas. Ensuring that any such impacts are mitigated would therefore have a minor positive effect.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is likely to have a minor negative impact on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing infrastructure becoming overloaded which could result in social exclusion and shortages in facilities in both rural and urban areas. Not having a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to ensure that any such impacts are mitigated could therefore have a minor

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	+	Including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is expected to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth in the borough could result in existing community services and facilities becoming overloaded and leaving people without adequate facilities. Ensuring that any such impacts are mitigated would therefore have a minor positive effect.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is likely to have a minor negative impact on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing community services and facilities becoming overloaded and leaving people without adequate facilities. Not having a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to ensure that any such impacts are mitigated could therefore have a minor negative effect.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	+	Including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is expected to have a minor positive effect on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing healthcare infrastructure such as GPs becoming overloaded. Ensuring that any such impacts are mitigated would therefore have a minor positive effect on ensuring that people have access to healthcare.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is likely to have a minor negative impact on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing healthcare infrastructure such as GPs becoming overloaded and leaving people without adequate access to healthcare. Not having a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to ensure that any such impacts are mitigated could therefore have a minor negative effect.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	+/-	Including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth could have both positive and negative effects on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing transport infrastructure (including both sustainable transport infrastructure and the road network) becoming overloaded. Ensuring that any such impacts are mitigated would therefore have a minor positive effect on ensuring that people are able to make use of sustainable transport modes which would help to reduce vehicle-related greenhouse gas emissions; however it may also facilitate car use. Mixed effects are therefore likely overall.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is likely to have a minor negative impact on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in transport infrastructure becoming overloaded. Not having a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to ensure that any such impacts are mitigated could therefore have a minor negative effect as people would be less able to make use of sustainable modes of transport and thereby reduce greenhouse



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	+/-	Including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth could have both positive and negative effects on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in existing transport infrastructure (including both sustainable transport infrastructure and the road network) becoming overloaded. Ensuring that any such impacts are mitigated would therefore have a minor positive effect on ensuring that people are able to make use of sustainable transport modes; however it may also facilitate car use. Mixed effects are therefore likely overall.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which identifies the infrastructure impacts to be mitigated as a consequence of new growth is likely to have a minor negative impact on this SA objective. Residential development and other growth could result in transport infrastructure becoming overloaded. Not having a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to ensure that any such impacts are mitigated could therefore have a minor negative effect as people would be less able to make use of sustainable modes of transport.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the	0	The proposed policy approach is not expected to have a	0	The alternative policy approach is not

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
quality of townscapes		direct effect on this SA objective.		expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

## Review policy

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which triggers the review of the local plan if it fails in its delivery of its strategic targets.  
**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not have such a policy in the local plan and rely upon the requirements of national policy when targets are not met.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	+	The inclusion of a policy which triggers the review of the local plan if it fails in its delivery of its strategic targets could have a minor positive effect on reducing poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion in Rugby. The policy would mean that the Local Plan is reviewed if strategic targets relating to housing and employment provision are not met, which should mean that the positive effects of housing and employment development on reducing poverty and social exclusion are more likely to be achieved.	-	Not including a review policy in the Local Plan could mean that, in the event of housing and employment land targets not being met, action is not taken to address the issues and ensure that housing and employment land is developed to meet local need. This could have an indirect minor negative effect on this SA objective as the knock on positive effects of housing and employment development on reducing poverty and social exclusion are less likely to be achieved.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the	++	The inclusion of a policy which triggers the review of the local plan if it fails in its delivery of its strategic targets is expected to have a significant positive effect on this	-	Not including a review policy in the Local Plan could mean that, in the event of housing targets not being met, action is not taken to

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
Borough		SA objective as the Local Plan would be reviewed if the identified housing targets are not met. Such a review should help to ensure that affordable and decent housing is provided in Rugby to meet local needs.		address the issue and ensure that housing is developed to meet local need. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	++	The inclusion of a policy which triggers the review of the local plan if it fails in its delivery of its strategic targets is expected to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective as the Local Plan would be reviewed if the identified employment land development targets are not met. Such a review should help to ensure that employment land is available to accommodate growth and investment in Rugby, this promoting economic growth.	-	Not including a review policy in the Local Plan could mean that, in the event of employment land targets not being met, action is not taken to address the issue and ensure that land is brought forward to support economic growth. A minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore likely .
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

### Landscape protection and enhancement policy

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes within the Borough, where identified, from impacts of development and mitigate accordingly.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not have such a policy in the local plan and continue relying upon national guidance.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	+	Including a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes may result in development being drawn away from rural areas (where the landscape is likely to be more sensitive) and towards urban areas. As such there could be an indirect minor positive effect on the regeneration of urban areas.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which protects and enhances the landscape is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing this issue it is less likely that development would be steered towards urban areas, bringing about the potential benefits for regeneration.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy	+	Including a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes may result in development being drawn away from greenfield sites (where there are more likely to be impacts on the landscape) and towards brownfield sites. This would	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which protects and enhances the landscape is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
generated from renewables		have an indirect minor positive effect on the efficient use of land by increasing the use of derelict, degraded and under-used land and buildings.		addressing this issue it is less likely that development would be steered towards brownfield land, with the associated potential benefits in terms of efficient land use.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	Including a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes could have a minor positive effect on this SA objective if the potential impacts on valued historic landscapes are taken into account.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which protects and enhances the landscape is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing this issue it is likely that landscape issues may be given less weight in development proposals, meaning that the potential benefits for the historic landscape are less likely to be achieved.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The alternative policy approach is not likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	++	Including a policy in the Local Plan which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes is expected to	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which protects and enhances the

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
		have a significant positive effect on this SA objective as the primary purpose of the policy would be to safeguard the character of the landscape and local distinctiveness.		landscape is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing this issue it is likely that landscape issues may be given less weight in development proposals.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	+	Including a policy which seeks to protect and enhance valued landscapes is likely to have a minor positive effect on the quality of townscapes in Rugby. While the primary purpose of the policy is to protect landscapes, this may have the effect of steering development away from more sensitive rural landscapes and towards urban areas, where high quality new development may enhance the overall appearance of the townscape.	-	The alternative approach of not including a policy which protects and enhances the landscape is expected to have a minor negative on this SA objective. If the Local Plan does not include a locally specific policy addressing this issue it is likely that landscape issues may be given less weight in development proposals, meaning that the potential benefits for the townscape are less likely to be achieved.

### Healthy communities

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contains a policy which seeks to ensure the potential for creating healthy, safe and inclusive communities will be taken into account when considering all development potential.

**Reasonable Alternative:** It is not considered there is a reasonable approach given the provisions contained in national guidance regarding healthy communities.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	++	Including a policy which seeks to ensure the potential for developments to create healthy, safe and inclusive communities is expected to have a significant positive impact on reducing disadvantage and social inclusion in the Borough given that one of the primary objectives of the policy would be to promote inclusivity.	N/A	N/A
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community		effect on this SA objective.		
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	++	Including a policy which seeks to ensure the potential for developments to create healthy, safe and inclusive communities is expected to have a significant positive effect on promoting the health of the local population and reducing health inequalities in the Borough given that one of the primary objectives of the policy would be to create healthy communities.	N/A	N/A
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	++	Including a policy which seeks to ensure the potential for developments to create healthy, safe and inclusive communities is expected to have a significant positive effect on reducing crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Borough as one of the primary aims of the policy would be to create safer communities.	N/A	N/A
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A



SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
generated from renewables				
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

## Health impact assessments

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to require that development proposals of a certain size and above are accompanied by a Health Impact Assessment which identifies the potential impacts on health from that development and any potential mitigation.

**Reasonable Alternative:** An alternative approach would be to not have such a policy in the local plan and to rely upon national and local policy to identify impacts of development on health. This approach is not favoured as the application of a Health Impact Assessment will be more effective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3) Promote/improve health of the population and reduce health inequalities	++	Including a policy which seeks to require that development proposals of a certain size and above are accompanied by a Health Impact Assess is expected to have a significant positive impact on reducing health inequalities in the Borough as the primary purpose of the policy would be to ensure that those developments do not harm, and where possible benefit, the health of local people.	-	The alternative approach of relying on other policy to identify the impacts of development on health would not allow for the health-related impacts of development to be assessed in detail and consistently in the same way as if a Health Impact Assessment were required by the Local Plan for all developments of a certain size. A minor negative effect is therefore likely.
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
local economy		effect on this SA objective.		effect on this SA objective.
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	0	The reasonable alternative to the proposed approach is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

### Protection of the water environment

**Proposed Approach:** It is proposed that the local plan contain a policy which seeks to protect the water environment through efficient use of water supply and preventing development which has an adverse impact on the water environment.

**Reasonable Alternative:** It is not considered there is a reasonable approach given the requirements at the national level for policy guidance at the local level.

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
1) Reduce/eliminate poverty, disadvantage and social exclusion	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
2) Provide good quality local services, leisure and cultural opportunities with good access for all sections of the community	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
3) Promote/improve health of the population and	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
reduce health inequalities		effect on this SA objective.		
4) Provide affordable and decent housing, which meets the needs of the Borough	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
5) Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
6) Promote/enable a strong, stable and sustainable local economy	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
7) Promote the vitality and viability of the town centre	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
8) Promote the regeneration of urban areas	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
9) Use and manage land, energy, soil, mineral and water resources prudently and efficiently, and increase energy generated from renewables	++	The proposed policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on this SA objective as its primary purpose would be to ensure the efficient use of water resources in the Borough.	N/A	N/A
10) Minimise waste and manage it sustainably	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
11) Reduce the Borough's contribution to climate change	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
12) Avoid, reduce and manage flood risk	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
13) Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A

SA Objective	Proposed Approach		Reasonable Alternative	
	SA Score	Justification	SA Score	Justification
14) Promote a sustainable and accessible transport network	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
15) Reduce all forms of pollution	++	The proposed policy is likely to have a significant positive impact on reducing water pollution as its primary purpose would be to protect the water environment and prevent new development from having an adverse impact, including in relation to water pollution.	N/A	N/A
16) Conserve and where possible enhance the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna	+	A policy which seeks to protect the water environment is expected to have a minor positive effect on conserving and enhancing the Borough's biodiversity, flora and fauna as the policy would help to avoid aquatic flora and fauna being adversely affected by water pollution or inappropriate levels of abstraction.	N/A	N/A
17) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of landscapes	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A
18) Maintain and where possible enhance the quality of townscapes	0	The proposed policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.	N/A	N/A