

Bracknell Forest Council

Draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA) **(Incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment)** of the

Draft Bracknell Forest Local Plan

Appendix 5 – SA of Strategic Policies

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This appendix sets out the SA of Development Management policies. The SA Objectives were used as the basis of the appraisal. The following symbols show the compatibility with the SA Objectives:

✓ Positive
✓× Positive / negative
× Negative
0 Neutral
? Uncertain

LP1 Sustainable Development Principles

The Sustainable Development Principles policy sets out the sustainable development principles that apply to development proposals.

Alternatives considered (identified within I&O and consulted on):

1. No sustainable development principles. Each policy in the BFLP would be based upon national policy not specific borough conditions.

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative	Response to proposed change / Recommendation
1	To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that minimise the use of natural resources and located so as to reduce the need to travel. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
2	Adapt to climate change by preparing for extreme weather events, including avoiding and managing the risk of flooding,	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that respond to climate change and support green</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be</p>	N/A

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	heat wave, drought and storm damage.	<p>infrastructure. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	
3	To conserve and enhance the diversity of wildlife, habitats and geology	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that protect and enhance the natural environment, including green infrastructure. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
4	To protect and enhance the Borough's characteristic landscape and its historic environment in urban and rural areas	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that create a high quality built environment that enhances and maintains local character and landscapes; and protect and enhance heritage assets together with their settings. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent:</p>	N/A

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative	Response to proposed change / Recommendation
		Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
5	To address the waste hierarchy by: minimising waste as a priority, reuse, then by recycling, composting or energy recovery	0 Waste is not currently covered within the policy. Suggest the following edit: v) minimise the use of natural resources, <u>address the waste hierarchy</u> and respond to climate change;	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ Text amended
6	Minimise air, water, soil / ground, noise and light pollution and improve the quality of air, water and contaminated land	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that make efficient use of land/buildings; protect and enhance the natural environment; and minimise the use of natural resources. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative	Response to proposed change / Recommendation
7	Ensure appropriate, efficient, reliable and careful use and supply of energy, water, minerals, food and other natural resources.	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that minimise the use of natural resources; and protect and enhance the natural environment. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
8	To increase energy efficiency and support the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that minimise the use of natural resources. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
9	Facilitate sustainable economic growth and regeneration that provides employment opportunities for everyone and supports a successful, competitive, and balanced local	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that provide suitable land/buildings to help meet development needs. This is developed</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of</p>	N/A

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative	Response to proposed change / Recommendation
	economy that meets the needs of the area.	further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
10	Develop opportunities for everyone to access a good education and to acquire the skills and knowledge to find work and support the sustainable growth of the local economy.	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that provide suitable land/buildings to help meet development needs; and include essential infrastructure, services and facilities required. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
11	To meet local housing needs by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live in a high quality, well designed and affordable home	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that provide suitable land/buildings to help meet development. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide	N/A

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		Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
12	To protect and enhance human health and wellbeing	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that promote healthy lifestyles and maximise health and wellbeing; and include essential infrastructure, services and facilities required, including green infrastructure. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Possible Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
13	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that are located so as to reduce the need to travel; create a high quality built environment; include essential infrastructure, services and facilities. These measures collectively, along with other requirements of the LP, are likely to reduce poverty and social exclusion; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Possible Spatial scale: Borough	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative	Response to proposed change / Recommendation
		Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term		
14	To reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	0 Crime is not currently covered by the policy. Suggest the following edit: iii) create a high quality built environment that enhances and maintains local character and landscapes, <u>and reduce and prevent crime</u> ;	0	✓ Text amended
15	To create and sustain vibrant, locally distinctive and socially cohesive communities	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that are located so as to reduce the need to travel; create a high quality built environment that enhances and maintains local character; include essential infrastructure, services and facilities. These measures collectively, along with other requirements of the LP, are likely to create and sustain vibrant and locally distinctive and socially cohesive communities; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position. Likelihood of effect: Possible Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
16	To provide accessible essential services, facilities and infrastructure.	✓ The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that are located so as to reduce the need to travel; and include essential infrastructure, services and	0 The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of	N/A

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		<p>facilities; and green infrastructure. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	
17	To improve travel choice and accessibility, reduce the need for travel by car and shorten the length and duration of journeys	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that are located so as to reduce the need to travel; and offer a choice of modes of travel with minimal reliance on the private car. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
18	To encourage sustainable development by improving efficiency in land use, design and layout. This includes making best use of previously developed land in meeting future development needs.	<p>✓</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Principles supports developments that make efficient use of land/buildings. This is developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p>	<p>0</p> <p>The policy is consistent with the NPPF. In the event of a 'no policy' position, there would be neutral effect as paragraph 14 of the NPPF would apply.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent:</p>	

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		Term: Short, medium and long term	Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	

Summary:

The Sustainable Development Principles support the delivery of sustainable development to ensure all aspects of sustainable development are taken into account, in particular in the event of a 'no policy' position. These principles are developed further within other LP policies; and the NPPF in the event of a 'no policy' position.

LP2 Provision of Housing and LP3 Sites Allocated for Residential/mixed use Development

Note: this assessment is based solely on the policy text – not on specific site allocations.

Alternatives considered (identified within I&O and consulted on):

1. No policy. Do not allocate sites; assess each application on a case by case basis, using national guidance.
2. Allocated sites for less dwellings than the identified need.

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1	To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify the most suitable locations for it, thus helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, increasing the emission of greenhouse gases.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, increasing the emission of greenhouse gases. This will apply to fewer developments than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
2	Adapt to climate change by preparing for extreme weather	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able</p>	N/A

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	events, including avoiding and managing the risk of flooding, heat wave, drought and storm damage.	meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify the most suitable locations for it, taking into consideration flood risk. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, potentially at risk of flooding. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, potentially at risk of flooding. This will apply to fewer developments than for alternative 1. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
3	To conserve and enhance the diversity of wildlife, habitats and geology	✓ Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify the most suitable locations for it, taking into consideration wildlife, habitats and geology. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent	✗ The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, potentially to the detriment of wildlife,	✓ ✗ The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, potentially to the detriment of wildlife, habitats and geology. This will apply to	N/A

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		<p>Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>habitats and geology.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely</p> <p>Spatial scale: Borough</p> <p>Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>fewer developments than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely</p> <p>Spatial scale: Borough</p> <p>Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	
4	To protect and enhance the Borough's characteristic landscape and its historic environment in urban and rural areas	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify suitable locations for it, taking into consideration landscape and the historic environment.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely</p> <p>Spatial scale: Borough</p> <p>Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, potentially to the detriment of landscape and the historic environment.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely</p> <p>Spatial scale: Borough</p> <p>Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Development is likely to be less sustainably located, potentially to the detriment of landscape and the historic environment. This will apply to fewer developments than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely</p> <p>Spatial scale: Borough</p> <p>Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p> <p>Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A

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5	To address the waste hierarchy by: minimising waste as a priority, reuse, then by recycling, composting or energy recovery	0	0	0	N/A
6	Minimise air, water, soil / ground, noise and light pollution and improve the quality of air, water and contaminated land	0	0	0	N/A
7	Ensure appropriate, efficient, reliable and careful use and supply of energy, water, minerals, food and other natural resources.	0	0	0	N/A
8	To increase energy efficiency and support the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy	0	0	0	N/A
9	Facilitate sustainable economic growth and regeneration that provides employment opportunities for everyone and supports	0	0	0	N/A

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative 1	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative 2	Response to proposed change /Recommendation
	a successful, competitive, and balanced local economy that meets the needs of the area.				
10	Develop opportunities for everyone to access a good education and to acquire the skills and knowledge to find work and support the sustainable growth of the local economy.	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify suitable locations for it, to ensure sustainable communities are developed.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of education facilities is not possible.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of education facilities is not possible for all developments. This will be less significant than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
11	To meet local housing needs by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live in a high quality, well designed and	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The policies set out the number of new homes required each year and meets the identified</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>Without the policies, the Council would have less control over housing numbers, and less able</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>Without the policy, the Council would have less control over housing numbers, and less able to</p>	N/A

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	affordable home	<p>housing need for the borough, which is positive. The quality, design and affordable of these homes is addressed in other BFLP policies.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>to plan for the plan period. National guidance would be relied upon.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>plan for the plan period. National guidance would be relied upon. This will be less significant than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	
12	To protect and enhance human health and wellbeing	<p>✓</p> <p>The policy identifies the amount of housing required to meet the identified need. The provision of housing should have a positive effect on human health and wellbeing</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>Reliance on national policy may not result in so many people being given the opportunity to live in their own home. Matters influencing health and wellbeing cannot be planned strategically.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>Reliance on national policy may not result in so many people being given the opportunity to live in their own home. Matters influencing health and wellbeing cannot be planned strategically for all developments. This will be less significant than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent</p>	N/A

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				Term: Short, medium and long term	
13	To reduce poverty and social exclusion	<p>✓</p> <p>The provision of homes to meet the identified need in the borough should have a positive effect on reducing poverty and social exclusion.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>Reliance on national policy may not result in so many people being given the opportunity to live in their own home.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>Reliance on national policy may not result in so many people being given the opportunity to live in their own home. This will be less significant than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
14	To reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime	0	0	0	N/A
15	To create and sustain vibrant, locally distinctive and socially cohesive communities	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify suitable locations for it, to ensure sustainable communities are developed.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect:</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of community facilities is not possible for</p>	N/A

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		Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	community facilities is not possible. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	all developments. This will be less significant than for alternative 1. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
16	To provide accessible essential services, facilities and infrastructure.	✓ Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify suitable locations for it, to ensure sustainable communities are developed. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✗ The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of services, facilities and infrastructure is not possible. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ ✗ The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of services, facilities and infrastructure is not possible for all developments. This will be less significant than for alternative 1. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A

	SA Objective	Appraisal of Policy	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative 1	Appraisal of No Policy Alternative 2	Response to proposed change /Recommendation
17	To improve travel choice and accessibility, reduce the need for travel by car and shorten the length and duration of journeys	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify suitable locations for it, to ensure sustainable communities are developed.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough wide Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of transport is not possible.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. Strategic planning of transport is not possible for all developments. This will be less significant than for alternative 1.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term</p>	N/A
18	To encourage sustainable development by improving efficiency in land use, design and layout. This includes making best use of previously developed land in meeting future development needs.	<p>✓</p> <p>Through identifying and meeting the housing need in the borough the Council are then able to identify suitable locations for it, to ensure sustainable communities are developed.</p> <p>Likelihood of effect:</p>	<p>✗</p> <p>The Council are not able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF.</p>	<p>✓ ✗</p> <p>The Council are less able to plan for sustainable developments if the housing number has not been identified and met. Applications will be dealt with in line with para 14 of the NPPF. This will be less significant than for</p>	

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Summary:

The policy sets out the objectively assessed housing need for the borough over the plan period. This has positive effects on several of the SA Objectives, as the Council can plan for developing these homes in the most sustainable locations. Without the policy, reliance on national policy is likely to result in the Council being less able to create truly sustainable developments: housing opportunities will arise in an ad hoc manner.

LP9 Strategic and Local Infrastructure

Alternatives considered (identified within I&O and consulted on):

1. No policy. Assess each application on a case by case basis, using national guidance (and other policies within the Local Plan).

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1	To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
2	Adapt to climate change by preparing for extreme weather events, including avoiding and managing the risk of flooding, heat wave, drought and storm damage.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
3	To conserve and enhance the diversity of wildlife, habitats and geology.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
4	To protect and enhance the Borough's characteristic	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies.	N/A

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	landscape and its historic environment in urban and rural areas.	Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
5	To address the waste hierarchy by: minimising waste as a priority, reuse, then by recycling, composting or energy recovery.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
6	Minimise air, water, soil / ground, noise and light pollution and improve the quality of air, water and contaminated land.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
7	Ensure appropriate, efficient, reliable and careful use and supply of energy, water, minerals, food and other natural resources.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A

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8	To increase energy efficiency and support the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
9	Facilitate sustainable economic growth and regeneration that provides employment opportunities for everyone and supports a successful, competitive, and balanced local economy that meets the needs of the area.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
10	Develop opportunities for everyone to access a good education and to acquire the skills and knowledge to find work and support the sustainable growth of the local economy.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
11	To meet local housing needs by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live in a high quality, well designed and affordable home.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely	N/A

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		Term: Short, medium and long term	Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
12	To protect and enhance human health and wellbeing.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
13	To reduce poverty and social exclusion.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
14	To reduce and prevent crime and the fear of crime.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
15	To create and sustain vibrant, locally distinctive and socially cohesive communities.	? Refer to discussion below.	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if	N/A

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		Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	
16	To provide accessible essential services, facilities and infrastructure.	? Refer to discussion below. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	✓ x Covered by alternative policies. Local policy includes for refusal if unsustainable. Likelihood of effect: Likely Spatial scale: Borough Temporary/permanent: Permanent Term: Short, medium and long term	N/A
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Summary:

This policy at this stage has been difficult to assess. From an SA perspective it does not yet include sufficient detail by which its effect on sustainability can be assessed. Whilst the policy requires development proposals to mitigate impacts on existing infrastructure (which is positive), national policy and guidance allows for viability assessment. This undermines other policies within the plan, not all of which include viability as a constraint to delivery. Whilst other development plan policies are relied on, many of which are more detailed and relate to specific issues, the assessment remains uncertain across all areas of sustainability.

However the policy includes the ability to 'refuse planning permission if the development proposal would be unsustainable without the required infrastructure following consideration of alternative funding sources'. This improves the position when compared to reliance only on national policy.

Amendments to the policy are not currently proposed due to the national policy and guidance relating to viability assessments.