

## SA Appendix 4: Assessment of Plan Themes

### Strategic Policies

#### Summary

The strategic policies of the Local Plan have, in general, a positive effect across all objectives. The spatial strategy directs the majority of development needs to the Borough's larger and most sustainable settlements. This has the benefit of encouraging new development at the communities most in need (such as housing) as demonstrated by the supporting evidence as set out in the HEDNA and in response to baseline information regarding deprivation, affordability and overcrowding. It provides alignment between housing and economic strategies with the larger and more sustainable settlements already of significance to the Pendle economy. The approach supports the regeneration of Pendle's urban area, supporting investment and enhancement of the built fabric of Pendle, the quality and diversity of housing stock, and access to affordable housing and jobs. The approach adopted helps to benefit the health and wellbeing of existing residents, particularly those in acute housing need, and will help households out of poverty. The strategy helps to reduce the need to travel and places growth in areas which have the best capacity and variety of services and infrastructure available to accommodate development sustainably and proportionately, and in a way which helps to promote modal shift away from car travel. The proposal does not ignore the rural area with proportionate development enabled in this area, especially where this is responsive to a specific local need and to support the rural economy. The spatial approach also benefits environmental objectives such as safeguarding the natural landscape, biodiversity, flood risk, water quality, air quality and climate change, by safeguarding sensitive undeveloped environments from loss or degradation.

Strategic policies related to the environment (Climate change, water management, natural environment and design) generally benefit environmental objectives owing to the protections afforded and safeguards provided. The policies require a direct design or technical response to be made by applicants in order to ensure compliance and help to guide proposals to ensure that their adverse effects are minimised, and benefits delivered where possible. The resulting effect is a constraining or neutral effect on growth related objectives (such as housing and employment). This is due to the limitations caused by these policies on the location, scale, and type of development which might be acceptable in response, and effect potential broader implications for viability. Similar effects are observed for strategic policies related to the Green Belt, Natural and Historic Environment, though the effects of the heritage policy on several SA objectives is less clear noting the diversity and numeracy of heritage assets in the borough and differences in their significance. It will be important that the Council monitors the scale, type and location of development and how this relates to established targets to understand the impacts of these policies on plan objectives over the plan period.

Strategic policies related to health and wellbeing, transport and infrastructure score generally positive across the all SA objectives. In particular the policies benefit SA objectives related to housing, employment, regeneration and health and wellbeing owing to the support the policies provide to delivering sustainable communities. This also benefits climate change, air quality, water quality and flood risk by enhancing the sustainability of development and addressing its effects of the wider environment, communities and infrastructure.

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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	+	+	+	~	-	+	-	-	+/-	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan encompass a wide range of material planning issues and are used to principally direct the location, scale and form of development. It is clear that strategic policies of the plan result in mixed effects for this objective. This is caused by policies which promote high quality development which specific emphasis on delivery and investment at Pendle's existing communities, aiding their regeneration, with benefits for the health and wellbeing of residents, and ensuring the development is directed to locations where this need is required most (as evidenced within the HEDNA). Balanced against this are policies which restrict growth in the interest of safeguarding the natural and historic environment of Pendle, and/or which result in added costs to be met by proposals which could serve to constrain the scope for, type or number of homes provided subject to site specific viability factors. Mixed cumulative and synergistic effects are therefore likely for this objective over the plan period, although this will trend towards positive as mitigation measures included within the plan are implemented.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Mixed effects, trending towards positive with the adoption of mitigation measures.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>The plan identifies sufficient land to meet in full the housing and employment requirements of the Local Plan. The constraints of the borough have been accounted for to a high level at the site assessment stage. Further account will be provided towards these matters through the implementation of the plan at the planning application stage. Planning obligations will be used to secure affordable housing where viable. It will be important to monitor deliver to ensure that plan targets are achieved over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Affordable housing is delivered in accordance with policy. Infrastructure requirements meets CIL tests.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Needs alter through the plan period. The market alters through the plan period changing the feasibility to meet obligation requirements. Medium risk.</p>

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+/-	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan encompass a wide range of material planning issues and directs development. It is clear that strategic policies of the plan result in mixed effects for this objective. This is caused by policies which promote high quality development which seeks to direct investment to existing communities of Pendle, particularly the urban area, aiding their regeneration, with benefits for the health and wellbeing of residents provided by sustained and increased access to job opportunities. Balanced against this are policies which restrict growth in the interest of safeguarding the natural and historic environment of Pendle, and/or which result in added costs to be met by proposals which could serve to constrain the scope for, type and amount of employment land which is provided subject to site specific viability factors. Mixed cumulative and synergistic effects are therefore likely for this objective over the plan period, although this will trend towards positive as mitigation measures included within the plan are implemented.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Mixed effects, trending towards positive with the adoption of mitigation measures.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>The plan identifies sufficient land to meet in full the employment requirements of the Local Plan. The constraints of the borough have been accounted for to a high level at the site assessment stage. Further account will be provided towards these matters through the implementation of the plan at the planning application stage. It will be important to monitor deliver to ensure that plan targets are achieved over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Sites identified through the plan, including the pipeline of permitted schemes is attractive to the market and can fulfil the projected economic needs of the borough.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Needs alter through the plan period. The market alters through the plan period changing the feasibility to meet obligation requirements. Medium risk.</p>

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3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	+	++	++	+	++	+	+/-	+/-	+/-	++	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan work together to promote sustainable growth within Pendle's communities. The preferred spatial strategy adopts an urban centric approach towards meeting development needs with development directed proportionately based on population, service accessibility and settlement role (as evidenced by the Settlement Sustainability Review and supported by findings of the HEDNA and Retail Capacity Study). This ensures that development needs are met in a sustainable way, is responsive to evidenced need in terms of scale and location, reflects a settlement's needs and its capacity to absorb growth without undermining service quality and accessibility, as well as wider environmental factors. The approach also provides a measured response to supporting rural communities in a way which protects their character and qualities. Environmental strategic policies safeguards parts of the borough which are sensitive to development. This approach will limit development in some parts of the borough, however these areas tend to be more rural in nature and the approach will help to direct development to urban areas. Overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. The magnitude of these effects is likely to increase over the plan period and development proposals come forward in response to and in accordance with its policies.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Allocations and applications for development considered by their type, location and scale in the context of strategic policy through the decision making process. It will be important to monitor deliver to ensure that plan targets are achieved over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Development comes forward in accordance with the development plan and that sites identified are deliverable.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Timescales. Subject to negotiation. Reliance on third parties. Unplanned development resulting in increased/redirected infrastructure needs. Medium risk.</p>
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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	+	++	++	+	++	+	+	+/-	+/-	++	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan work together to promote sustainable growth within Pendle's communities. This benefits health and wellbeing by ensuring that development is responsive to the needs of communities by way of its location, scale and type and delivers positive local change through regeneration and investment in existing communities. The proportionate approach taken by the spatial strategy, and protection afforded to the environment safeguards those parts of the borough which benefit the health of the borough's residents and make it an attractive place to live. Policies further safeguard the health and wellbeing of residents by ensuring sufficient service and infrastructure capacity, promoting active travel and access to recreation, and ensuring that the health interests of residents are taken into account through the planning process including the effects of development and its operation. Overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. The magnitude of these effects is likely to increase over the plan period and development proposals come forward in response to and in accordance with its policies.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Implementation of policy requirements and support DM policies as relevant through the development management process. Monitoring the implementation of policies to see how they are being used through decision making.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Development comes forward in accordance with the development plan and that sites identified are deliverable. The requirements of the plan are met as necessary to maintain consistent delivery and supply. The delivery of infrastructure requirements and benefits of development to health and wellbeing are viable.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Timescales. Subject to negotiation. Reliance on third parties. Unplanned development resulting in increased/redirected infrastructure needs. Medium risk.</p>

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5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	+	+	+	+	+	~	~	~	~	++	++	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies seek to support sustainable living, reducing the need to travel and promoting travel by sustainable forms of transport by directing development to the most sustainable and typically accessible locations. This is achieved through the spatial approach taken towards development and emphasis placed on the main urban area and largest centres to fulfil the assessed development needs of Pendle. The policies act to secure development which is sustainable in its location and accessibility and perform a key role in strategic policy in responding to and fulfilling this objective. Whilst not directly related, the constraints of environmental policies will further limit development within the less well served parts of the borough helping to minimise car usage as a result of the proposals of the Local Plan. Overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. The magnitude of these effects is likely to increase over the plan period and development proposals come forward in response to and in accordance with its policies.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of policy requirements and support DM policies as relevant through the development management process.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>Development comes forward in accordance with the development plan and that sites identified are deliverable. The requirements of the plan are met as necessary to maintain consistent delivery and supply.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Timescales. Subject to negotiation. Reliance on third parties. Unplanned development resulting in increased/redirected infrastructure needs. Medium risk.</p>

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6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan work together to promote growth at the borough's existing settlements helping to make effective use of previously developed land and existing buildings to meet future development needs, in turn safeguarding the borough's natural soils. The spatial strategy adopts a proportionate approach to development with an emphasis on growth at the borough's main towns, particularly along the M65. The SHLAA demonstrates that for the most part this can be accommodated at brownfield sites. The economic strategy seeks to renew existing sites with committed development fulfilling a key role in meeting identified employment land needs. The amount of greenfield land required to meet the economic strategy is limited. Environmental strategic policies safeguard the parts of the borough which are sensitive to development, further supporting the approach to focus growth in the urban area. Uncertain outcomes are identified for heritage and obligations policies for this objective. This is because the historic environment of Pendle extends into both urban and rural environments, and policy may restrict growth in certain circumstances. Viability is variable within Pendle and growth in some areas may not be achievable as a result. Despite this, overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. The magnitude of these effects is likely to increase over the plan period as development proposals come forward in response to and in accordance with its policies.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Implementation of policy requirements and support DM policies as relevant through the development management process. Monitoring of delivery on PDL over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Development comes forward in accordance with the development plan and that sites identified are deliverable. The requirements of the plan are met as necessary to maintain consistent delivery and supply.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Timescales. Reliance on third parties. Unplanned development resulting in increased/redirected infrastructure needs. Medium risk.</p>
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7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	0	0	0	~	+	+	++	+	~	+	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>Watercourses extend throughout the plan area with the Borough acting as part of the source location for the Ribble, Aire and Calder. The spatial strategy is likely to have a neutral effect on this objective. This is provided by its direction of growth towards the urban area, safeguarding source locations from development and potential pollution. Development along water corridors have the potential to pollute watercourses and it will be important to implement the plan's wider policies to safeguard against adverse effects. The plan's strategic environmental policies will help to promote water quality and quantity. In particular this role is fulfilled by Policy SP07 which relates to the management of water. Policies also seek to ensure that watercourses are not adversely affected by pollution arising by way of the construction or operation of a development. Planning obligations are sought where CIL tests are met ensuring that development does not compromise water quality and access to water for existing residents, businesses and wildlife. Overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. The magnitude of these effects is likely to increase over the plan period as development proposals come forward in response to and in accordance with its policies.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Siting of development. Land uses. Addressing contamination and sources of pollution. New infrastructure and additional capacity. Links to Environmental DM policies. Monitoring of water quality over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Engagement to date has been accurate and illustrates no further needs not already programmed.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Infrastructure requirements alter. Further evidence shows an increased level of need. Planned programme timescale slip and not delivered to meet the needs of committed development. Low-medium risk.</p>



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8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	+	0	0	0	+	~	++	+	0	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan work to protect areas likely to be of most importance for flood water storage. This helps to minimise flood risk for residents, land users and uses by maintaining the natural absorption of flood water within Pendle. Policy also seeks to secure contribution to flood infrastructure where required ensuring that development does not adversely affect this objective (and contributes positively to its achievement). Spatial policies direct development towards existing settlements. Whilst this helps to safeguard undeveloped areas from encroachment, urban areas are themselves subject to flood risk from multiple sources and as such proposal could face flooding constraints. The SFRA assesses proposed allocations for their flood risk and recommends mitigation measures to address issues where identified. Taking the above into account, the strategic policies of the plan act together and on a cumulative basis to help reduce the risk of flooding, particularly as a result of the plan's proposals. Overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. The magnitude of these effects is likely to increase over the plan period as development proposals come forward in response to and in accordance with its policies.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Siting of development. Land uses. Adopting SUDS measures in accordance with policy. Monitoring of properties at a high risk of flooding. Implementation of the NPPF policy regarding development vulnerability and flood risk.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Findings of the SFRA relating to flood risk within Pendle are accurate and that mitigation measures are effective in addressing flood risk as necessary.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Climate change results in unexpected changes to flood risk patterns in Pendle. Effectiveness of drainage measures in managing surface water flow (low risk).</p>

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9. To improve air quality.	0	+	+	0	+/-	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan work positively to promote air quality, directing development to the most sustainable and accessible locations of the borough, with particular support for development within settlement boundaries of the Borough where services and accessibility is generally of the greatest quality and capacity and are accessible to residents. The policies actively work to ensure that new development does not contribute to problems in air quality with improvements brought about to existing levels by new development helping to achieve targets for continued reduction in the emission of harmful and toxic gases. Environmental policies seek to safeguard the borough's natural assets which contribute positively air quality. Policy seeking to ensure that health and wellbeing is safeguarded through development proposals could also benefit air quality where relevant to the proposal. Overall the strategic policies of the plan are assessed to have minor positive effects for this objective both synergistically and cumulatively.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Short-medium term benefit during travel plan monitoring years and during years where public transport travel may be supported by development. Longer term effects more uncertain and depend on site specifics.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing. Monitoring of the scale, type and location of development delivered over the plan period. Monitoring of changes in air quality over the plan period.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>It is assumed that air quality and sustainable travel have been duly considered through the development management process.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Securing daily and regular use. Location, type and scale of development proposed. Low-medium risk.</p>

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10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	+	+	+	+	+/-	++	++	+	?	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan work positively to minimise greenhouse gas emissions by directing development to the most sustainable and accessible locations of the borough where services and accessibility is generally of the greatest capacity, thereby helping to reduce the need to travel. The strategic policies promote technical standards that if implemented will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The policies promote resilience of developments and wider communities within the borough to the effects of climate change, by safeguarding, and where possible restoring, the natural environment, which helps to mitigate climate change effects and secure responses in the design of development proposals which respond to climate change events in the interest of community safety. Some uncertainty is highlighted for strategic policy related to the historic environment on the achievement of this objective. This notes the sensitivity of such environments to change and their compatibility with measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. On a borough wide basis the wider effects of this policy for this objective is likely to be relatively minor and overall positive cumulative and synergistic effects are assessed for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely positive effects across the plan period. This is likely to be more significantly later in the plan period as development comes forward in accordance with the plan.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing. Energy efficiency standards. Renewables. Measures to reduce the usage of natural resources. Monitor changes in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the plan period. Explore potential for carbon sequestration at sites within Pendle.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Mitigation measures are practicable and viable.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Securing daily and regular use. Location, type and scale of development proposed. Climate change effects. Medium risk.</p>

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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	0	0	0	~	0	++	~	~	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The direction of development to the borough's largest settlements will help to safeguard those areas identified for mineral extraction or of importance for minerals. The reuse of developed land and existing buildings as promoted by these policies promotes the sustainable use of materials also supporting this objective by helping to reduce the use of natural resources. Whilst many of the strategic policies of the plan have a limited or neutral effect on this objective, overall a positive synergistic and cumulative effect is assessed. It should be noted that the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Plan provides the strategic context for minerals and waste planning in Pendle with detailed policies of the Local Plan linked to its policy requirements as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely positive effects across the plan period. This is likely to be more significantly later in the plan period as development comes forward in accordance with the plan.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Assessment of material usage and location of development and its effects on the borough's natural resources to be assessed at the development management stage. Allocated sites should avoid parts of the borough which would result in a loss or prejudice sustainable mineral extraction. LCC to be consulted in its role as minerals and waste authority on the plan's role and response in addressing these issues and support it provides to the adopted minerals and waste plan.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>There is sufficient capacity and scope for mineral extraction to meet requirements over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>None evident. Low risk.</p>

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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	0	+/-	+/-	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan actively work to safeguard environments and habitats which are important for wildlife and safeguard against their loss or degradation. This is achieved through the adoption of the ecological hierarchy set out in Policy SP08 together with wider linkages which promote biodiversity and new habitats, the enhancement of the borough's green infrastructure network, protection for the borough's quality landscapes, including the South Pennines SSSI, and enhancements sought to quality, quantity and access to open space. The direction of development to the borough's larger settlements also helps to protect the natural environment located outside of these areas. A mixed effect is however assessed for the spatial strategy for this objective, noting that this approach could pressure wildlife and natural features found within urban areas if not managed and addressed carefully. Notwithstanding this, the plan's strategic policies in relation to this objective are assessed to have cumulative and synergistic positive effects overall.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>The strategic policies of the plan are likely to benefit ecological objectives across the plan period due to the immediate effect policy requirements will have on the location, use and type of development coming forward. The greatest level of benefit is likely to be in the medium to longer term as proposals affected by are delivered and ecological measures implemented.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings. Implementation of BNG through decision making. Support and implementation of the Lancashire LRNS through plan making and decision making.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Location, degree, timing and type of new development. Low-medium risk.</p>

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13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	0	?	?	?	0	+	~	+	++	?	?	~	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>There is a level of uncertainty assessed in regards to the effects of strategic policy on this objective. This reflects the quantum and geographical spread of heritage assets found across the borough and their variety in terms of their significance and reasoning for designation. It is therefore unclear at this stage what overall effect the spatial strategy would have for the historic environment, though site selection has considered the historic environment at a high level with the need for Heritage Impact Assessments screened out. Wider positive effects are assessed where policies help to improve urban quality, retain and restore the natural and built environment of Pendle. The cumulative and synergistic effects of the plan, whilst uncertain at adoption, are likely to be positive over the plan period, as policies of the plan are implemented through the decision making process. It will be important to closely monitor the effects of the plan on the historic environment over the plan period.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Initial uncertainty is likely to reduce as the effects of proposed allocations on the historic environment are confirmed. Wider positive effects for the historic environment are likely as proposals are assessed on a piecemeal basis for their conformity with policy which seeks to conserve the historic environment.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of design and heritage policy to secure the conservation and where possible enhancement of the historical environment. Monitor number and condition of heritage assets in Pendle over the plan period. Closely work with partners to ensure that the historic environment is conserved through the planning process. Implement the Design Principles SPD and other relevant SPDs and policy documents to help conserve the historic environment.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Scale, type and location of development over the plan period. Low risk.</p>

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14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	+	+	+	?	++	+	+	++	++	+	?	~	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The spatial approach directs development to the existing built up areas of the borough, with development focussed to the main towns of Pendle and distributed proportionately according to the size, role and sustainability of that location. The approach of the policy will help to conserve the character and quality of Pendle's natural landscape. The policies should benefit landscape and townscape, safeguarding natural resources from development, whilst encouraging reinvestment of urban areas likely beneficial to townscape and the urban environment especially where this leads to the reuse and regeneration of vacant and derelict buildings and/or land. The policies will make a positive contribution to the achievement of this objective, and play a key role at a strategic level of implementing this objective. Overall cumulative and synergistic positive effects are assessed for this objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Likely permanent positive effects in the medium to longer term as the policy is implemented and development affected by the policies of the Local Plan come forward.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Design measures as set out in policy. Locational requirements for development by scale, type and form. Monitor the location, quantum and type of development approved and completed over the plan period.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Location, type, scale and form of development. Viability to develop in urban areas. Potential effects of directing retail proposals to town centres and the heritage found within. Medium-High risk.</p>

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### Environmental Policies

#### Summary

The Environmental policies of the Local Plan have positive to significant positive effects for environmental objectives, particularly those relating to ecology, heritage, landscape, flood risk (including water management), and climate change. The policies work to ensure that developments brought forward over the plan period respond in a meaningful and positive way to environmental issues identified at baseline position to ensure that any adverse effects of development caused to the natural environment is minimised as far as possible, with positive measures encouraged. The policies seek to ensure that development delivered in Pendle is sustainable and makes a net contribution to the environment in accordance with the NPPF and wider strategic initiatives such as the Lancashire LNRS. The environmental policies seek to ensure that the value and contribution made by natural features to ecology, managing flood risk, water and air quality and addressing climate change is understood by applicants, and that measures to safeguard these are incorporated as possible into a scheme's design. The policies seek to ensure that development activities, including their construction, do not adversely affect wider environmental quality and its integrity. The policies seek to optimise developments to protect and secure net gains for the environment by way of the delivery and management of new habitat, and connectivity to existing habitats.

The environmental policies of the plan help to direct and control the forms, scale, and type of development in specific locations of the Borough which are considered to be more sensitive. This means that development brought forward in these locations is more appropriate to existing conditions in terms of their type and scale and safeguards these areas for future generations and nature. The policies work to help to implement a sustainable pattern of development which is aligned to and responsive to strategic policy. This helps to ensure that investment is directed to those parts of the Borough which are most accessible and have the infrastructure capacity to sufficiently accommodate new development. This approach also supports investment in existing centres which are in need of regeneration tackling social deprivation, offering access to local jobs, and making use of existing developed land as far as possible.

The Environmental policies of the plan do act to constraint development in certain parts of the borough (some to a greater degree than others) and as such some policies are assessed to score negatively in this respect. However current commitments, allocated sites, and the scope for windfall development at suitable locations elsewhere in the Borough is considered to provide more than enough capacity and opportunity for identified needs to be met in full.



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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	+/-	-	-	~	-	~	0	0	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. Whilst the effect of these policies will help maintain and improve the physical environment and attractiveness of the borough, elements of these policies also serve to constrain the delivery of housing in specific circumstances. Many of the policies of this section of the plan have a neutral or negligible affect owing to the limited connection between these policies and this SA objective, however where an effect is identified then that effect is likely to be negative noting the constraining effect highlighted. Overall therefore the cumulative and synergistic effects of the environmental policies of the Local Plan are neutral to minor adverse. Mitigation measures, such as the specific allocation of sites, and opportunities for development within settlement boundaries, which are generally less constraints by environmental policies, however should ensure any adverse effects are minimised.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral to adverse effects experienced over the plan period, however this should be closer to neutral with the delivery of site allocations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. Monitor the scale, location and type of housing delivered over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Viability across much of the borough is low reducing the plan's effectiveness in responding to affordable housing needs. Viability and site specific constraints/considerations may affect the size and type of homes provided (medium risk).</p>

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	+/-	-	-	+	-	~	0	0	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. Whilst the effect of these policies will help maintain and improve the physical environment and attractiveness of the borough, elements may also serve to constrain the delivery of employment related development in specific circumstances (although policies do support limited economic development in rural areas). Many of the policies of this section of the plan have a neutral or negligible affect owing to the limited connection between these policies and this SA objective. For this objective the overall cumulative and synergistic effects of the environmental policies of the Local Plan are balanced resulting in neutral effects. Mitigation measures, such as the specific allocation of sites however should ensure any adverse effects are minimised and gives greater confidence of this conclusion. Most economic activity takes place at sites located within existing settlements. Other policies of the plan seek to protect these for employment use, and encourage their re-investment and regeneration over the plan period. It is unlikely, taking this into account, that the environmental policies of the plan would constrain the delivery of the economic strategy over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral effects experienced over the plan period with greater certainty of neutral effects with the delivery of site allocations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. The site protects and enables the redevelopment of protected employment sites which fulfil an important role in meeting the identified employment needs of the borough. Monitor the scale, type and location of employment land delivery over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Site specific constraints/considerations may affect scope for economic development in specific instances (low risk).</p>

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3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	+/-	+/-	+/-	+	+/-	+	+	+	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. The overall effect of these policies is to help maintain and, where possible, improve the attractiveness and ecological diversity of the borough, improving its quality and helping to reduce deprivation levels. The policies help to implement the spatial strategy by way of the safeguards provided to the rural area of Pendle, and as such will help support the continued regeneration of the borough. Whilst policies are restrictive in some cases, specific site allocations made by the plan, and the scope and support provided towards windfall investment particularly within settlement boundaries, will secure net benefits for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Net benefits over the plan period, particularly in the medium and longer term with the delivery of site allocations and wider investment through windfall development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. The site protects and enables the redevelopment of protected employment sites which fulfil an important role in meeting the identified employment needs of the borough. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets. Promotion and support of the redevelopment of sites included on the Council's Brownfield Land Register.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Site specific constraints/considerations may affect scope for economic development in specific instances (low risk).</p>

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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	+	+	+	+/-	+/-	+	++	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. The overall effect of these policies is to help maintain and, where possible, improve the natural environment and attractiveness of the borough, improving its quality safeguarding recreational and community value supporting health and wellbeing. The approach of policies will help to direct investment to the borough's towns aiding their regeneration improving environmental quality and enhancing the quality and availability of housing, employment premises and infrastructure. Whilst policies are restrictive in some cases, specific site allocations made by the plan, and the scope and support provided towards windfall investment particularly within the settlement boundary, and where suitable in the urban area, will secure net benefits for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Net benefits over the plan period, particularly in the medium and longer term with the delivery of site allocations and wider investment through windfall development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. The site protects and enables the redevelopment of protected employment sites which fulfil an important role in meeting the identified employment needs of the borough. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets. Promotion and support of the redevelopment of sites included on the Council's Brownfield Land Register.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Site specific constraints/considerations may affect scope for economic development in specific instances (low risk).</p>

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5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	+	~	~	~	~	+	+	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan have limited connection to this SA Objective. Where there is a connection it is assessed as being positive. The environmental policies serve to restrict the forms, scale and type of development taking place in certain parts of the borough – in general these areas are less sustainable or well served by infrastructure, thereby helping to implement the Local Plan spatial strategy. Policies also encourage active travel in the design of proposals and encourage the enhancement and expansion of the recreational network increasing access to leisure and promoting walking and cycling as an activity and as a means to access services and employment. Overall both cumulatively and synergistically, the policies secure minor positive effects for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Allocation of Sites to meet identified needs in sustainable locations with the infrastructure necessary to promote the use of non-car modes to travel. Implementation of land use policy re: protected employment land and town centres. Implementation of policy measures to promote walking and cycling through the design and layout of proposals. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Promoted sites have readily available means of reducing the reliance on cars, and viable with measures to do so.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. There is a risk of unplanned development should allocated and committed sites not come forward as anticipated which could harm this objective. Low risk.</p>

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6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	+	+	+	+	+/-	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan generally support the achievement of this objective due to their constraining effect on development outside of developed locations helping to direct this investment to the towns and villages of Pendle thereby safeguarding undeveloped soils and resources from permanent loss. The policies seek to ensure that land/floorspace within proposals is used effectively. This includes making effective use of the pre-development natural assets, as well as the development proposals themselves to make the most of opportunities of the proposal site to address climate change, flood risk and surface water drainage, reduce the use of water, and respond to requirements for biodiversity net gain. The design policy supports higher density development where consistent with the wider built character and where accessible to sustainable modes of transport. The policies therefore assist in both cumulative and synergistic terms, the achievement of this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely permanent positive effects experienced over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Proposals should take into account policy requirements early on in the design process to ensure a comprehensively planned development which is responsive to the Local Plan. The Council encourages applicants to use the pre-application advice service. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets. Promotion and support of the redevelopment of sites included on the Council's Brownfield Land Register. Monitor the proportion of development taking place on previously developed land.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Viability pressures may affect the scope for proposals to respond to policy requirements requiring a balancing exercise to be adopted by the decision maker (Medium risk).</p>

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7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	+	++	++	~	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to protect specific sensitive parts of the Borough which may be important for water quality and supply from harm or loss to inappropriate forms or types of development. The requirements to avoid, mitigate and enhance, will help secure positive responses from development toward the achievement of this objective over the plan period. Policies also seek to ensure that the environment is safeguarded from the effects of development either by way of its construction and operation, limiting the potential for the destruction and degradation of habitats. Policies also seek to ensure that developments are designed and constructed efficiently, making best use of land, with sustainable construction standards are implemented which collect and reuse rainwater in an effort to make efficient use of water resources in effort to reduce the amount of rainwater new development uses. The approach of policy to focus development towards urban areas and promotion of the reuse and renewal of previously developed land and buildings to meet development needs will help deliver enhancements to the built environment providing opportunities to address and resolve existing sources of pollution which contaminate watercourses. Overall the policies are considered to have both cumulative and synergistic positive effects for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely positive effects to be felt in the longer term as the policy is implemented at a site level and has cumulative effects.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Locational, scale, type, form, and layout of development. Investment in specific infrastructure to maintain and enhance water quality where required and justified. Monitor changes in water quality over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Planned programme timescale slip and not delivered to meet the needs of committed development. Little scope exists in feasibility, capacity or viability to implement policy requirements on a site level. Low-medium risk.</p>

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8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	++	++	++	~	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>Where relevant, policies have a positive effect on this objective by safeguarding undeveloped and sensitive land and natural features which may play a key role in contributing to the natural flood defences of the Borough. The policies also seek to ensure that flood risk, accounting for climate change, is properly planned and integrated into the design of developments from an early stage in the development process, prioritising the use of SUDs, ensuring that development does not result in increased risk of flooding, making best use of land and natural assets. Taking the above into account the environmental policies of the plan are found to have positive effects for this objective both on a cumulative and synergistic basis.</p> <p><b>Term</b> Permanent positive effect.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b> Location, scale, form and layout of development. Adoption of the SUDs hierarchy. Avoidance of Flood Zone 2/3 for development. Sufficient on-site storage and means to adopt greenfield runoff/betterment. Monitor the number of properties are at a high risk of flooding. Monitor how policies are being implemented over the plan period and what regard is being given to relevant advice from statutory consultees in decision making.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b> Subject to site specific modelling. Scope and viability of measures. Low-medium risk.</p>



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9. To improve air quality.	++	+	~	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies help to guide development based on their type, form and location with certain forms of development restricted or even resisted in certain circumstances. This assists with the implementation of the spatial strategy and its focus of major development towards existing settlements. This approach helps to direct growth to locations which already features accessible established services and infrastructure helping to reduce the reliance on cars as a means to access daily essential services, shops and sources of employment. Design policy and Climate Change policy also work together to reduce emissions in new development by focussing on sustainable modes of transport in the detailed design, layout and uses, and promoting the delivery of enhanced energy and resource efficiency in the construction and operation of new development. The policies also work to ensure that natural features within the borough which contribute positively to air quality are retained and where possible enhanced. The range of benefits provided by this policy approach varies from the site level to borough wide level, and supports the achievement of wider policy objectives such as enhancing biodiversity. The policies therefore contribute effectively to reducing emissions caused by development delivered in the Borough helping improve air quality with objectives over the remainder of the plan period. The policies are assessing to have cumulative and synergistic benefits for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Effects likely to be most significant in the longer term once developments come forward in response to this policy and post occupation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing. Renewable energy. Scaling of development and sustainable locations. Monitor changes in air quality over the plan period. Monitor the scale, type and location of development over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>It is assumed that air quality and sustainable travel have been duly considered through the development management process.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Securing daily and regular use. Low-medium risk.</p>

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10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies work to help to direct new development depending on the type, scale and location of the proposal. This helps to restrict development in locations which are of limited accessibility and served by insufficient infrastructure, and helps to support the delivery of a sustainable pattern of development crucial in promoting sustainable lifestyles and practices. This approach therefore aids the achievement of this objective by reducing the need to travel and helps promote multipurpose trips. Design policy and Climate Change policy also work together to reduce emissions, encouraging the adoption of on-site renewable energy generation, energy saving materials in new development as key areas of focus during the detailed design stage. The policies will contribute to efforts made by the Council to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions continue to fall over the plan period in response to the declaration of a climate emergency. The policies also seek to protect the borough's natural assets which help to absorb carbon emissions and help to mitigate the effects of climate change providing for resilient communities. The policies therefore fulfil an important role for the achievement of this SA objective with positive cumulative and synergistic effects assessed.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Effects likely to be most significant in the longer term once developments come forward in response to this policy and post occupation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing. Renewable energy. Energy efficiency adaptations such as cavity insulation, water efficiency etc, Scaling of development appropriate to their locations. Application of policy requirements to limit certain forms of development in parts of the borough. Monitoring the scale, location and type of development delivered over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Securing daily and regular use of public transport and pedestrian/cycling facilities. Feasibility and viability of sustainability measures. medium risk.</p>

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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	++	~	~	+/-	+/-	+/-	+	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>Where policies have an effect, a positive or mixed contribution is made towards this objective. This is largely a result of the direction made by the policies to the location, scale, type and form of development which protects and limits the amount of development which could take place on greenfield sites and safeguards natural resources found in these locations. Policies which may constrain delivery within a site such as requirements for BNG (Policy DM04) have mixed effects as compliance reduces the amount of developable land or impacts viability with the potential need for additional land to be used but makes use of land for in pursuit of different objectives such as promoting biodiversity or addressing climate change. Design and climate change policies ensure that attention is given to waste and the reuse of materials during the construction process and from occupation and through the operation of a development contributing towards efforts to reduce the amount of waste produced within the Borough which ends up in landfill. Overall, broad synergistic and cumulative benefits are assessed for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>In spatial terms there is a positive effect of the Local Plan for this SA Objective from adoption. At a site level positive effects from the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Location, type, scale and form of development. Use of sustainable materials. Consideration of storage and collection of waste. Construction Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>None. Low risk.</p>

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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	++	+	+	?	++	++	++	++	++	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the Local Plan contribute significantly to this objective. This is achieved by ensuring that sensitive parts of the Borough are protected from unsuitable forms, types, and scale of development in line with national planning policy and according to their designation. Policies seek to ensure that environmental sensitivities are accounted for through the development process adopting an avoid, maintain, mitigate and enhance approach to ensure any harm to the existing environment is minimised, and that development achieves net gains for biodiversity in accordance with legislation and consistent with the Lancashire LNRS. Policies seek to ensure that developers recognise the value and role that natural assets have, not just for wildlife, but also in responding to and addressing climate change, maintaining clear air and water, managing water flow, maintaining landscape quality and conserving the historic environment. Policies also seek to ensure that the environment is safeguarded from the effects of development either by way of its construction and operation, preventing the pollution and degradation of habitats. Overall, significant positive cumulative and synergistic effects are assessed for these policies for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Spatially positive effects experienced from adoption of the Plan. On a site and locality level positive effects more likely in the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development delivered in the Borough, its effects on the environment, and as enhancement measures establish.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings. Direction of development within the Borough. Protection of designated sites. Support to the implementation of the Strategic Biodiversity Network and enhancement the local Green Infrastructure Network.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Low-medium risk.</p>

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13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	~	~	~	?	0	+	+	0	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the Local Plan generally contribute positively to the achievement of this objective. This is achieved by ensuring that sensitive parts of the Borough are protected from unsuitable forms, types, and scale of development retaining those features of particular value. The policies ensure that historical environmental is accounted for through the development process to ensure that these assets are conserved and where possible enhanced. There is some uncertainty experienced as to how specific policies may affect historic environment such as those which seek to implement energy efficiency and promote renewables due to the sensitivity of the historic environments to change. The specific effects of these policies for the historic environment is not known due to the variability of the characteristics, spread and significance of this environment. The suitability of proposals affecting the historic environment will need to be assessed through the development management process, applying the policies of the plan, adopting the appropriate balancing exercise where this is necessary.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Spatially positive effects experienced from adoption of the Plan. On a site and locality level positive effects more likely in the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development delivered in the Borough. This would be measures on a site by site basis.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific design responses may be required of proposals affecting the historic environment to be agreed with the relevant consultee and applicant. Monitoring the scale, location and type of development approved and delivered over the plan period. Monitor the number and condition of heritage assets, including those considered 'at risk' over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The effects of a proposal on the historic environment is not likely to be known until the detailed design stage (medium risk).</p>

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14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	+	+	+	?	0	+	++	++	++	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the Local Plan are considered to contribute significantly to this objective. This is achieved by ensuring that sensitive parts of the Borough are protected from unsuitable forms, types, and scale of development in line with the weight attracted towards landscape, townscape, setting form and character established through the NPPF such as the approach to development located within the Green Belt, AONB, local green spaces, and valued landscapes. Policies also seek to ensure that environmental sensitivities are accounted for through the development process adopting an avoid, maintain, mitigate and enhance approach to ensure any harm to the existing environment is minimised, and development achieves net gains for the environment in line with the principles of sustainable development established for the planning system through the NPPF. Policies encourage developers to recognise the value and role that natural assets have, not just for wildlife, but also in responding to and addressing climate change, maintaining clear air and water, managing water flow, maintaining landscape quality and conserving the historic environment. This will help provide proposals which can integrate more effectively with their surrounds and soften their effects on the wider landscape/townscape. Policies seek to ensure that the environment is safeguarded from the effects of development either by way of its construction and operation, preventing the pollution and degradation of habitats. Overall, significant positive cumulative and synergistic effects are assessed for these policies for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Spatially positive effects experienced from adoption of the Plan. On a site and locality level positive effects more likely in the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development delivered in the Borough, its effects on the environment, and as enhancement measures establish.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings. Direction of development within the Borough. Amount, form, type and location of new development. Orientation, layout, form and design of new buildings and their interaction with surrounding areas.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Viability and feasibility to adopt high quality design measures and responses to local/on-site constraints. Low-medium risk.</p>

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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	0	?	0	0	0	?	0	+	~	?	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. Whilst the effect of these policies will help maintain and improve the physical environment and attractiveness of the borough, elements of these policies also serve to constrain the delivery of housing in specific circumstances. Many of the policies of this section of the plan have a neutral or negligible affect owing to the limited connection between these policies and this SA objective, however where an effect is identified then that effect is likely to be negative noting the constraining effect highlighted. Overall therefore the cumulative and synergistic effects of the environmental policies of the Local Plan are neutral to minor adverse. Mitigation measures, such as the specific allocation of sites, and opportunities for development within settlement boundaries, which are generally less constraints by environmental policies, however should ensure any adverse effects are minimised.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral to adverse effects experienced over the plan period, however this should be closer to neutral with the delivery of site allocations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. Monitor the scale, location and type of housing delivered over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Viability across much of the borough is low reducing the plan's effectiveness in responding to affordable housing needs. Viability and site specific constraints/considerations may affect the size and type of homes provided (medium risk).</p>

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	0	?	+	0	0	?	0	+	0	?	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. Whilst the effect of these policies will help maintain and improve the physical environment and attractiveness of the borough, elements may also serve to constrain the delivery of employment related development in specific circumstances (although policies do support limited economic development in rural areas). Many of the policies of this section of the plan have a neutral or negligible affect owing to the limited connection between these policies and this SA objective. For this objective the overall cumulative and synergistic effects of the environmental policies of the Local Plan are balanced resulting in neutral effects. Mitigation measures, such as the specific allocation of sites however should ensure any adverse effects are minimised and gives greater confidence of this conclusion. Most economic activity takes place at sites located within existing settlements. Other policies of the plan seek to protect these for employment use, and encourage their re-investment and regeneration over the plan period. It is unlikely, taking this into account, that the environmental policies of the plan would constrain the delivery of the economic strategy over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral effects experienced over the plan period with greater certainty of neutral effects with the delivery of site allocations.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. The site protects and enables the redevelopment of protected employment sites which fulfil an important role in meeting the identified employment needs of the borough. Monitor the scale, type and location of employment land delivery over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Site specific constraints/considerations may affect scope for economic development in specific instances (low risk).</p>



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3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	+	+	+	+	+/-	+/-	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. The overall effect of these policies is to help maintain and, where possible, improve the attractiveness and ecological diversity of the borough, improving its quality and helping to reduce deprivation levels. The policies help to implement the spatial strategy by way of the safeguards provided to the rural area of Pendle, and as such will help support the continued regeneration of the borough. Whilst policies are restrictive in some cases, specific site allocations made by the plan, and the scope and support provided towards windfall investment particularly within settlement boundaries, will secure net benefits for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Net benefits over the plan period, particularly in the medium and longer term with the delivery of site allocations and wider investment through windfall development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. The site protects and enables the redevelopment of protected employment sites which fulfil an important role in meeting the identified employment needs of the borough. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets. Promotion and support of the redevelopment of sites included on the Council's Brownfield Land Register.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Site specific constraints/considerations may affect scope for economic development in specific instances (low risk).</p>

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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	+	+	+	++	++	++	+	++	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to safeguard and enhance the borough's natural and built environment. The overall effect of these policies is to help maintain and, where possible, improve the natural environment and attractiveness of the borough, improving its quality safeguarding recreational and community value supporting health and wellbeing. The approach of policies will help to direct investment to the borough's towns aiding their regeneration improving environmental quality and enhancing the quality and availability of housing, employment premises and infrastructure. Whilst policies are restrictive in some cases, specific site allocations made by the plan, and the scope and support provided towards windfall investment particularly within the settlement boundary, and where suitable in the urban area, will secure net benefits for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Net benefits over the plan period, particularly in the medium and longer term with the delivery of site allocations and wider investment through windfall development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific allocations identified through the plan to help meet needs in full. The site protects and enables the redevelopment of protected employment sites which fulfil an important role in meeting the identified employment needs of the borough. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets. Promotion and support of the redevelopment of sites included on the Council's Brownfield Land Register.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Site specific constraints/considerations may affect scope for economic development in specific instances (low risk).</p>

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5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	+	~	+	+	+	0	~	+	~	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan have limited connection to this SA Objective. Where there is a connection it is assessed as being positive. The environmental policies serve to restrict the forms, scale and type of development taking place in certain parts of the borough – in general these areas a less sustainable or well served by infrastructure, thereby helping to implement the Local Plan spatial strategy. Policies also encourage active travel in the design of proposals and encourage the enhancement and expansion of the recreational network increasing access to leisure and promoting walking and cycling as an activity and as a means to access services and employment. Overall both cumulatively and synergistically, the policies secure minor positive effects for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Allocation of Sites to meet identified needs in sustainable locations with the infrastructure necessary to promote the use of non-car modes to travel. Implementation of land use policy re: protected employment land and town centres. Implementation of policy measures to promote walking and cycling through the design and layout of proposals. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Promoted sites have readily available means of reducing the reliance on cars, and viable with measures to do so.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. There is a risk of unplanned development should allocated and committed sites not come forward as anticipated which could harm this objective. Low risk.</p>

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6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	++	?	+	0	+	+	++	+	~	?	?	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan generally support the achievement of this objective due to their constraining effect on development outside of developed locations helping to direct this investment to the towns and villages of Pendle thereby safeguarding undeveloped soils and resources from permanent loss. The policies seek to ensure that land/floorspace within proposals is used effectively. This includes making effective use of the pre-development natural assets, as well as the development proposals themselves to make the most of opportunities of the proposal site to address climate change, flood risk and surface water drainage, reduce the use of water, and respond to requirements for biodiversity net gain. The design policy supports higher density development where consistent with the wider built character and where accessible to sustainable modes of transport. The policies therefore assist in both cumulative and synergistic terms, the achievement of this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely permanent positive effects experienced over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Proposals should take into account policy requirements early on in the design process to ensure a comprehensively planned development which is responsive to the Local Plan. The Council encourages applicants to use the pre-application advice service. Monitoring of the location, scale and type of development delivered over the plan period and how this relates to the established spatial strategy and plan targets. Promotion and support of the redevelopment of sites included on the Council's Brownfield Land Register. Monitor the proportion of development taking place on previously developed land.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Viability pressures may affect the scope for proposals to respond to policy requirements requiring a balancing exercise to be adopted by the decision maker (Medium risk).</p>

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7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	0	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	~	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the plan seek to protect specific sensitive parts of the Borough which may be important for water quality and supply from harm or loss to inappropriate forms or types of development. The requirements to avoid, mitigate and enhance, will help secure positive responses from development toward the achievement of this objective over the plan period. Policies also seek to ensure that the environment is safeguarded from the effects of development either by way of its construction and operation, limiting the potential for the destruction and degradation of habitats. Policies also seek to ensure that developments are designed and constructed efficiently, making best use of land, with sustainable construction standards are implemented which collect and reuse rainwater in an effort to make efficient use of water resources in effort to reduce the amount of rainwater new development uses. The approach of policy to focus development towards urban areas and promotion of the reuse and renewal of previously developed land and buildings to meet development needs will help deliver enhancements to the built environment providing opportunities to address and resolve existing sources of pollution which contaminate watercourses. Overall the policies are considered to have both cumulative and synergistic positive effects for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely positive effects to be felt in the longer term as the policy is implemented at a site level and has cumulative effects.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Locational, scale, type, form, and layout of development. Investment in specific infrastructure to maintain and enhance water quality where required and justified. Monitor changes in water quality over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Planned programme timescale slip and not delivered to meet the needs of committed development. Little scope exists in feasibility, capacity or viability to implement policy requirements on a site level. Low-medium risk.</p>

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8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	+	+	+	+	~	~	++	+	~	~	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>Where relevant, policies have a positive effect on this objective by safeguarding undeveloped and sensitive land and natural features which may play a key role in contributing to the natural flood defences of the Borough. The policies also seek to ensure that flood risk, accounting for climate change, is properly planned and integrated into the design of developments from an early stage in the development process, prioritising the use of SUDs, ensuring that development does not result in increased risk of flooding, making best use of land and natural assets. Taking the above into account the environmental policies of the plan are found to have positive effects for this objective both on a cumulative and synergistic basis.</p> <p><b>Term</b> Permanent positive effect.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b> Location, scale, form and layout of development. Adoption of the SUDs hierarchy. Avoidance of Flood Zone 2/3 for development. Sufficient on-site storage and means to adopt greenfield runoff/betterment. Monitor the number of properties are at a high risk of flooding. Monitor how policies are being implemented over the plan period and what regard is being given to relevant advice from statutory consultees in decision making.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b> None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b> Subject to site specific modelling. Scope and viability of measures. Low-medium risk.</p>

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9. To improve air quality.	+	+	+	+	+	+	~	+	~	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies help to guide development based on their type, form and location with certain forms of development restricted or even resisted in certain circumstances. This assists with the implementation of the spatial strategy and its focus of major development towards existing settlements. This approach helps to direct growth to locations which already features accessible established services and infrastructure helping to reduce the reliance on cars as a means to access daily essential services, shops and sources of employment. Design policy and Climate Change policy also work together to reduce emissions in new development by focussing on sustainable modes of transport in the detailed design, layout and uses, and promoting the delivery of enhanced energy and resource efficiency in the construction and operation of new development. The policies also work to ensure that natural features within the borough which contribute positively to air quality are retained and where possible enhanced. The range of benefits provided by this policy approach varies from the site level to borough wide level, and supports the achievement of wider policy objectives such as enhancing biodiversity. The policies therefore contribute effectively to reducing emissions caused by development delivered in the Borough helping improve air quality with objectives over the remainder of the plan period. The policies are assessing to have cumulative and synergistic benefits for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Effects likely to be most significant in the longer term once developments come forward in response to this policy and post occupation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing. Renewable energy. Scaling of development and sustainable locations. Monitor changes in air quality over the plan period. Monitor the scale, type and location of development over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>It is assumed that air quality and sustainable travel have been duly considered through the development management process.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Securing daily and regular use. Low-medium risk.</p>

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10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	~	?	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies work to help to direct new development depending on the type, scale and location of the proposal. This helps to restrict development in locations which are of limited accessibility and served by insufficient infrastructure, and helps to support the delivery of a sustainable pattern of development crucial in promoting sustainable lifestyles and practices. This approach therefore aids the achievement of this objective by reducing the need to travel and helps promote multipurpose trips. Design policy and Climate Change policy also work together to reduce emissions, encouraging the adoption of on-site renewable energy generation, energy saving materials in new development as key areas of focus during the detailed design stage. The policies will contribute to efforts made by the Council to ensure that greenhouse gas emissions continue to fall over the plan period in response to the declaration of a climate emergency. The policies also seek to protect the borough's natural assets which help to absorb carbon emissions and help to mitigate the effects of climate change providing for resilient communities. The policies therefore fulfil an important role for the achievement of this SA objective with positive cumulative and synergistic effects assessed.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Effects likely to be most significant in the longer term once developments come forward in response to this policy and post occupation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing. Renewable energy. Energy efficiency adaptations such as cavity insulation, water efficiency etc, Scaling of development appropriate to their locations. Application of policy requirements to limit certain forms of development in parts of the borough. Monitoring the scale, location and type of development delivered over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Securing daily and regular use of public transport and pedestrian/cycling facilities. Feasibility and viability of sustainability measures. medium risk.</p>



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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	+	+	+	0	~	+/-	++	++	~	~	~	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>Where policies have an effect, a positive or mixed contribution is made towards this objective. This is largely a result of the direction made by the policies to the location, scale, type and form of development which protects and limits the amount of development which could take place on greenfield sites and safeguards natural resources found in these locations. Policies which may constrain delivery within a site such as requirements for BNG (Policy DM04) have mixed effects as compliance reduces the amount of developable land or impacts viability with the potential need for additional land to be used but makes use of land for in pursuit of different objectives such as promoting biodiversity or addressing climate change. Design and climate change policies ensure that attention is given to waste and the reuse of materials during the construction process and from occupation and through the operation of a development contributing towards efforts to reduce the amount of waste produced within the Borough which ends up in landfill. Overall, broad synergistic and cumulative benefits are assessed for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>In spatial terms there is a positive effect of the Local Plan for this SA Objective from adoption. At a site level positive effects from the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Location, type, scale and form of development. Use of sustainable materials. Consideration of storage and collection of waste. Construction Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>None. Low risk.</p>

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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	+	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	~	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the Local Plan contribute significantly to this objective. This is achieved by ensuring that sensitive parts of the Borough are protected from unsuitable forms, types, and scale of development in line with national planning policy and according to their designation. Policies seek to ensure that environmental sensitivities are accounted for through the development process adopting an avoid, maintain, mitigate and enhance approach to ensure any harm to the existing environment is minimised, and that development achieves net gains for biodiversity in accordance with legislation and consistent with the Lancashire LNRS. Policies seek to ensure that developers recognise the value and role that natural assets have, not just for wildlife, but also in responding to and addressing climate change, maintaining clear air and water, managing water flow, maintaining landscape quality and conserving the historic environment. Policies also seek to ensure that the environment is safeguarded from the effects of development either by way of its construction and operation, preventing the pollution and degradation of habitats. Overall, significant positive cumulative and synergistic effects are assessed for these policies for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Spatially positive effects experienced from adoption of the Plan. On a site and locality level positive effects more likely in the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development delivered in the Borough, its effects on the environment, and as enhancement measures establish.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings. Direction of development within the Borough. Protection of designated sites. Support to the implementation of the Strategic Biodiversity Network and enhancement the local Green Infrastructure Network.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Low-medium risk.</p>

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13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	?	+	+	+	~	+/-	~	+	+	++	++	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the Local Plan generally contribute positively to the achievement of this objective. This is achieved by ensuring that sensitive parts of the Borough are protected from unsuitable forms, types, and scale of development retaining those features of particular value. The policies ensure that historical environmental is accounted for through the development process to ensure that these assets are conserved and where possible enhanced. There is some uncertainty experienced as to how specific policies may affect historic environment such as those which seek to implement energy efficiency and promote renewables due to the sensitivity of the historic environments to change. The specific effects of these policies for the historic environment is not known due to the variability of the characteristics, spread and significance of this environment. The suitability of proposals affecting the historic environment will need to be assessed through the development management process, applying the policies of the plan, adopting the appropriate balancing exercise where this is necessary.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Spatially positive effects experienced from adoption of the Plan. On a site and locality level positive effects more likely in the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development delivered in the Borough. This would be measures on a site by site basis.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Specific design responses may be required of proposals affecting the historic environment to be agreed with the relevant consultee and applicant. Monitoring the scale, location and type of development approved and delivered over the plan period. Monitor the number and condition of heritage assets, including those considered 'at risk' over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The effects of a proposal on the historic environment is not likely to be known until the detailed design stage (medium risk).</p>

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14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	+	++	++	+	+	+/-	+	+	+	+	++	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The environmental policies of the Local Plan are considered to contribute significantly to this objective. This is achieved by ensuring that sensitive parts of the Borough are protected from unsuitable forms, types, and scale of development in line with the weight attracted towards landscape, townscape, setting form and character established through the NPPF such as the approach to development located within the Green Belt, AONB, local green spaces, and valued landscapes. Policies also seek to ensure that environmental sensitivities are accounted for through the development process adopting an avoid, maintain, mitigate and enhance approach to ensure any harm to the existing environment is minimised, and development achieves net gains for the environment in line with the principles of sustainable development established for the planning system through the NPPF. Policies encourage developers to recognise the value and role that natural assets have, not just for wildlife, but also in responding to and addressing climate change, maintaining clear air and water, managing water flow, maintaining landscape quality and conserving the historic environment. This will help provide proposals which can integrate more effectively with their surrounds and soften their effects on the wider landscape/townscape. Policies seek to ensure that the environment is safeguarded from the effects of development either by way of its construction and operation, preventing the pollution and degradation of habitats. Overall, significant positive cumulative and synergistic effects are assessed for these policies for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Spatially positive effects experienced from adoption of the Plan. On a site and locality level positive effects more likely in the medium to long term as policies take effect on the form of development delivered in the Borough, its effects on the environment, and as enhancement measures establish.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings. Direction of development within the Borough. Amount, form, type and location of new development. Orientation, layout, form and design of new buildings and their interaction with surrounding areas.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Viability and feasibility to adopt high quality design measures and responses to local/on-site constraints. Low-medium risk.</p>
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### Social Policies

#### Summary

The policies of this section of the Local Plan have positive cumulative and synergistic effects for social and economic SA objectives. This arises from the increased quantum, quality and mix of housing which is responsive to assessed needs and baseline conditions provided by and enabled through the policies of the plan. This in turn enhances health and wellbeing providing stock in a good condition and reducing the potential for homelessness and overcrowded homes helping to tackle levels of deprivation evidenced in the Borough and provide for a supply of increased diversity in response to the wide ranging needs of the community. It is recognised that the preferred approach will fail to meet the borough's assessed affordable housing needs, which are significant, however this is principally driven by poor viability which makes delivering affordable housing on market led schemes challenging. Very little affordable housing is secured this way, and the policies of the plan do not prevent the provision of affordable housing through other means as currently secured.

The proposed housing requirement will not provide sufficient labour force to support economic growth unless improvements can be secured to economic activity rates within the existing population. Policy intervention will be required to secure this approach. A robust monitoring framework should be established to assess the effect of policy and establish clear actions necessary where there are indications of failure. The development of housing at specific sites allocated through the local plan will support the economy directly and indirectly with construction jobs, contributions made to the economy by residents and providing suitable housing accessible to the local workforce. The development of new homes gives rise to the opportunity to redevelop and reinvest in deprived areas and kick start wider regeneration with transformative effects for the wider locality (i.e. as experienced with the redevelopment of Brierfield Mill). Policies seek to promote and protect community health and wellbeing, ensuring that new development does not harm the amenity of existing residents and instead can be considered to contribute positively. Policies seek to promote the development of community related infrastructure in an effort to tackle levels of deprivation and promote stronger levels of community engagement.

The policies of this section of the plan generally have a positive or neutral effect for environmental objectives. This is due to the fact that the housing required to meet the preferred housing requirement can generally be accommodated on previously developed land within/closely related to existing settlements. The site selection process has sought to identify those sites considered to have the most limited effect on environmental objectives when balanced against wider spatial priorities. Site specific policy requirements and wider policies of the local plan seek to ensure that any adverse effects caused by development on the environment is fully appraised, accounted for and minimised through the development process, adopting an avoid, manage, mitigate and enhance approach. The approach of the plan supports efforts to promote the effective use of land and existing infrastructure, providing an alignment of land uses which reduces the need to travel. This supports sustainable transport, air quality and climate change objectives. Policies promoting health and wellbeing and access to recreation also benefits the environment, including landscape, as proposals are required to protect and promote these matters through their development proposals.

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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies generally work positively to support the delivery of housing and meet the needs of the community. The policies provide certainty as to where housing is acceptable and where it is not acceptable aligning to the spatial strategy, providing specific or general development opportunities and ensuring that a diversity of housing stock is provided in support of targets and objectives, and responsive to the needs set out in supporting evidence. Policy also acts to ensure that new development is supported by sufficient infrastructure. The housing requirement reflects local demographic growth needs adjusted for migration. The effectiveness of the housing requirement in responding to housing needs is however limited due to the significance of affordable housing need and the very limited response provided to this need by the proposed housing requirement.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Overall likely positive effects over the plan period from adoption.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Policy encourages and adopts a positive framework for the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>Implementation of wider policy to ensure that the types and size of homes provided are consistent with identified needs.</p> <p>Contributions secured through s.106 agreements.</p> <p>Implementation of policy requirements to secure housing mix responsive to need.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>Affordable housing is delivered in accordance with policy. Infrastructure requirements meets CIL tests. Low viability limits the positive effect that the Local Plan has for this objective.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Needs alter through the plan period. The market alters through the plan period changing the feasibility to meet obligation requirements. Medium risk.</p>

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	-	+	+	+	0	0	+	0	+	~	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies generally deliver positive effects towards this objective. The policies will help secure the housing needs of the borough required to provide homes which meets the needs of the community, including securing the right type and mix of homes. The policies help to tackle deprivation and secure improvements to the quality of homes available in the borough. The proposed approach is unlikely to support projected the delivery of projected job growth in full unless wider policy interventions aimed at securing an increase in economic activity amongst the existing population are successful. Whilst a negative effect is recorded for Policy DM20 the majority of the policies are beneficial for the economy. Policies within this section also help to encourage investment by providing for a higher quality environment. Policies seek to protect the operational needs of existing land uses through the decision-making process. Policies seek to protect and support the expansion of education infrastructure and encourage the provision of training opportunities for local residents through the planning process.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Positive effects in the medium and longer term as policies take effect following adoption.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>The adoption of a positive approach to decision making for development which accords with the Local Plan. Interventions in the local labour market prove to be effective in increasing economic activity rates. A robust monitoring framework is developed tracking the success of the policy and establishing mechanism for review if necessary.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Needs alter through the plan period. The market alters through the plan period changing the feasibility to meet obligation requirements. Medium risk.</p>

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3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	+/ -	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies work collectively and synergistically to promote the regeneration of existing urban areas within settlement boundaries, both complementing and assisting with the delivery of adopted strategic policy, development targets and objectives. This is achieved through the allocation of land for housing, and the adoption of guidelines and standards which aim to protect and enhance the urban environment, community services and infrastructure, and their wider community. The guidance provided provides clarity for developers and helps to protect existing communities from harm as a result of proposals and wider community interests such as access to quality open space, education and training and community services. Mixed effects are assessed for the housing requirement noting the limited support this provides to the economic growth potential of the borough as evidenced through the HEDNA and the limited response provided to affordable housing needs. The housing requirement however is not a ceiling to development and the plan provides a supply of housing land in excess of this minimum figure. It is important that the Council implements the presumption in favour of sustainable development through decision making as relevant.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely significant positive effects over the plan period from adoption.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Interventions in the local labour market prove to be effective in increasing economic activity rates. A robust monitoring framework is developed tracking the success of the policy and establishing mechanism for review if necessary.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Development comes forward in accordance with the development plan. Large scale infrastructure may be also reliant on third party funding/implementation. Requirement for multi-agency working/collaboration.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Timescales. Subject to negotiation. Reliance on third parties. Unplanned development resulting in increased/redirected infrastructure needs. Medium risk.</p>



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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	+/-	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies support this objective by increasing the availability and accessibility of new and high quality housing stock. Policies ensure that new homes are of the right type and location to meet assessed needs, sufficiently sized for their requirements, are adaptable to meet their specific needs, are affordable, and accessible to existing services and facilities, with on-site open space provision and is connected to footpath and cycling networks. All are important in promoting the health and wellbeing of residents within the Borough. The guidance provided provides clarity for developers and helps to protect existing communities from harm as a result of proposals. The policies seek to ensure that the needs of the community are considered through the planning process including the role provided by existing community infrastructure, including education establishments. Mixed effects are noted for the housing requirement taking into account the finding that this need can be accommodated within settlement boundaries, thereby helping to safeguard the open countryside from development and the role this has in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents, balanced against the potential harm caused by the policy should new homes be insufficient to support economic potential of the borough and access to jobs/commuting rates. Overall the policies of this section of the plan are assessed to have a cumulative and synergistic positive effect for this objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. Likely to increase overtime as new builds come forward in line with policy.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Alterations to technical details, design, type, or overall capacity sought may be required. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Medium risk.</p>

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5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	+/-	+	?	0	0	+	0	0	+	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies have a neutral to positive effect for this objective. The requirement for new homes is largely to be satisfied on sites within settlement boundaries, with additional opportunities provided by windfall sites approved in accordance with the plan's wider policies. Sites are allocated to meet residual housing needs applying the spatial strategy. The policies therefore help to direct development in accordance with the spatial strategy and promote sustainable travel and the alignment of growth with infrastructure. Wider housing policies of the plan relate to the type of development sought with limited bearing on sustainable transport issues. The latter policies of this section of the plan seek to support community service provision, reducing the need to travel, and ensure that highway requirements, such as parking and the promotion of walking and cycling are taken into account, encouraged, and secured as appropriate through the development management process. Mixed effects are assessed for the proposed housing requirement balancing the commentary outlined above against the limited supply of labour provided and potential knock-on effects for commuting patterns.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Neutral or minor positive effect over the plan period with adoption of site allocations and application of wider policies of the plan.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Allocation of Sites to meet identified needs in sustainable locations with the infrastructure necessary to promote the use of non-car modes to travel. Implementation of DM policies. Travel Plan measures. Provision of walking and cycling infrastructure. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b> None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Technology changes. The severity of climate change and impact this has on planning and infrastructure requirements. Viability and feasibility to meet policy requirement on a site level. Medium risk.</p>

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6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	+	+	+	+/-	+	+	+	0	0	~	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies have a generally positive effect for this objective. The requirement for new homes is largely satisfied on sites within settlement boundaries, with additional opportunities provided by windfall sites approved in accordance with the plan's wider policies (including those in this section). The policies therefore help to direct development in accordance with the spatial strategy and promote sustainable travel and the alignment of growth with infrastructure. Policies also seek to ensure that land is used effectively, either by way of their density, or ensuring that proposals are designed holistically with integrated drainage, open space, and biodiversity features. Mixed effects are identified for Policy DM23 given the scope provided for rural exceptions developments. The assessment of mixed effects recognises the effective use of land provided by the policy towards meeting identified affordable housing need. Latter policies within this section of the Local Plan have a limited relevance to SA objective and are generally concluded to have a neutral or negligible effect.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Neutral or minor positive effect over the plan period with adoption of site allocations and application of wider policies of the plan.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>In line with design policy, developments should make effective use of land, responding accordingly to opportunities for higher density development where appropriate. Boundary treatment, layout, orientation and physical appearance works may be required to reduce and soften the effect of the development on the wider landscape and townscape.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites. Medium risk.</p>

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7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	+	+	?	0	+	+	0	0	~	~	+/-	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies are likely to have a neutral or negligible effects on this objective. The housing requirement can be met largely at brownfield sites, safeguarding natural water resources from loss/degradation from new development. The allocations process, has to a high level, considered likely effects on water quality and resources, with sites specifically selected to minimise the likelihood for adverse effects. Homes built to higher efficiency standards, and policies which aim to ensure the new development makes efficient use of resources, aid the achievement of the SA objective. Wider policies of this section provide guidance influencing the type of development taking place or wider types of development which have no bearing on water quality/resource pressures. An exception to this is policy DM30 which seeks to maintain and enhance open space and its accessibility to communities which help to green developments and urban environments and improve water quality and safeguard water resources. Mixed effects are assessed for allocations noting the potential for contamination of proposed sites but safeguarding role played by their allocation towards greenfield locations.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>On balance the proposals are likely to have a neutral effect on this SA objective from adoption for the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Application of policy and design requirements. Development to avoid watercourses. Sufficient drainage management measures. Open Space and landscaping.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Medium risk.</p>

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8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	0	+	~	?	+	+	0	0	~	0	+/-	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies are anticipated to have a neutral to positive effect on this objective both in cumulative and synergistic terms. The allocations process has considered flood risk and likely effects of development of flood risk. This is confirmed in greater detail on a site specific level through the SFRA with Level 2 SFRA commissioned for several sites which require a further level detail to understand the flood characteristics and risk associated with the relevant sites development, and therefore their suitability for allocation, and parameters for this development. Site specific policy include requirements for flood risk and drainage to be sufficiently taken into account and responded to through the design and development process, and is also set out in DM policy for wider unplanned development. Wider policies of this section provide guidance influencing the type of development taking place or wider types of development which have little to no bearing on flood risk. Mixed effects are assessed for allocations noting the potential for flood risk at proposed sites but safeguarding role played by their allocation towards greenfield locations.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Permanent neutral effect with adverse effects likely to be limited in scale and duration.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Application of policy requirements. Development to avoid watercourses and areas of high flood risk. Sufficient drainage management measures provided enabling greenfield runoff rates to be maintained, or a betterment to be delivered for PDL sites. Open Space and landscaping. Porous materials. Etc.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Rate and effects of climate change. Medium risk.</p>

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9. To improve air quality.	+/-	+	?	0	0	0	0	0	+	0	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies have a largely neutral or positive effect for this objective where applicable. Proposed allocations are made within settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the need to travel as homes are built near to existing services and infrastructure. The policies seek to provide opportunity for enhanced service provision and seek to retain and protect existing community facilities with potential positive effects in promoting sustainable travel due to the reduced need to travel. The policies also seek to ensure that applicants consider and respond relevant issues of health and wellbeing caused by their development. Responses to this may include enhanced open space provision or connectivity by foot or bicycle with policies promoting this infrastructure included within the section to encourage active travel. Wider policies of this section relate to specific types of development which do not have specific consequences for air quality with negligible effects assessed. The proposed housing requirement may lead to unsustainable patterns of travel without wider policy intervention. This is balanced against the urban centric spatial approach to meeting development its adoption helps to implement.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Positive effects in the medium and longer term as the policy is implemented and affects development proposals.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Bike storage. Pedestrian infrastructure. Open Space. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Encouraging a modal shift. Feasibility/viability of mitigation measures. Medium risk.</p>

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10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	+/-	+	?	0	+	+	0	0	0	0	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies have a neutral to positive effect for this objective where applicable. Proposed allocations are made within settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the need to travel as homes are built near to existing services and infrastructure. This makes effective use of existing developed land and infrastructure and reduces pressure to use the borough's natural land assets to meet identified development needs. The policies seek to provide opportunity for enhanced service provision and seek to protect existing community services with potential positive effects in promoting sustainable travel options and patterns of activity. The policies also seek to ensure that applicants consider and respond relevant issues of health and wellbeing caused by their development. Responses to this may include enhanced open space provision or connectivity by foot or bicycle with policies promoting this infrastructure included within the section to encourage active travel and reduce reliance on car travel. Wider policies of this section relate to specific types of development which do not have specific consequences for climate change with negligible effects assessed. The proposed housing requirement may lead to unsustainable patterns of travel without wider policy intervention. This is balanced against the urban centric spatial approach to meeting development its adoption helps to implement.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Positive effects in the medium and longer term as the policy is implemented and affects development proposals.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Bike storage. Pedestrian infrastructure. Open Space. Adaptive design measures. Location of development. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Encouraging a modal shift. Feasibility/viability of mitigation measures. Medium risk.</p>

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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	+	+	~	~	+	+	+	~	~	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>Allocated sites are directed towards the borough's existing and most sustainable settlements, helping to safeguard the natural resources of the borough within the district's undeveloped areas. This includes meeting the borough's broader housing need with policies promoting the reuse/adaptation of existing buildings to meet housing need helping to reduce the amount of land and natural resources consumed to meet and respond to housing need. Negligible effects are largely assessed for the remaining policies of this section owing to the scope of the policies included and their limited relationship to this SA objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Permanent positive effect where relevant.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Delivery of allocated sites.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>Suitable means of storage and collection provided for through the development.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Allocated sites identified in the plan for housing fail to come forward, increasing pressure to develop greenfield land. Low-medium risk.</p>



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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies in general are likely to have a neutral effect on this objective. The requirement for new homes has the potential to adversely affect wildlife regardless of whether it is related to brownfield or greenfield locations. Sites have been subject to high level assessment for their proximity to designated sites and use by protected species. Allocated sites are no known to be important for protected species, and do not form part of the wider ecological network. Their allocation is beneficial to this policy objective and helps safeguard other undeveloped areas of the borough which may be important for ecology, either for its habitats, role as part of a wildlife corridor or stepping stones. Wider policies of the plan should ensure that biodiversity is not harmed as a result of development with the need to account for nature included within policy requirements. The wider policies of this section of the plan have limited direct relationship with this SA objective and so the effects are likely to be minimal. Policies promoting healthy living environments and access to and the provision of open space are likely to also benefit this SA objective. Remaining policies of this section have limited relevance and so negligible effects are assessed.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Harm likely to be experienced during construction and in the short to medium term. This harm is likely to reduce as development and biodiversity measures provided matures. Overall, in cumulative and synergistic terms a neutral effect is assessed for the plan period.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Avoid, manage, New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Low-medium risk.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Biodiversity value of sites prior to development is likely variable. Medium risk.</p>

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13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	?	0	0	0	0	+	+	?	0	0	0	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies generally have a neutral to positive for this objective. At this time the effect of the plan for the delivery of specific sites for housing is unclear noting the variety of the historic environment in Pendle although high level assessment has shown little to no effect is anticipated from proposed allocations. This will be clarified the planning application process. Policy which seek to reuse existing buildings or developed land is likely to be of benefit to this SA objective either by way of enhancements to the quality of the urban environment, removing/reducing buildings in a dilapidated condition, or reducing the need to build elsewhere. The policies also seek to ensure that proportionate attention and protection consistent with national planning policy is given to the historic environment in the Local Plan. This approach ensures that such development will not have an adverse effect on the built environment and safeguards those areas or features which are most sensitive. Overall a neutral to positive effect is assessed for this objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Permanent neutral to positive effects from adoption of the plan.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of design and heritage policy. Preparation and submission of a heritage statement where necessary.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Medium risk.</p>

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14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	+	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	0	0	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies in general are likely to have a neutral to positive effect on this objective. The requirement for new homes has been shown by the SHLAA to be achievable at largely brownfield sites within settlement boundaries. This approach helps to safeguard existing undeveloped spaces from development and help secure enhancements to the built environment of existing settlements. Further policies of this section aim to secure further sources of supply making best use of existing buildings and through very limited expansion within the open countryside. Where applicable policy requirements require applicants to consider and reflect the built character of the wider area to ensure that proposals integrate effectively into the wider area. The policies further underline the role that the natural environment has in supporting health and wellbeing, including its role for sport and recreation, seeking to conserve these environments. Overall a cumulative and synergistic neutral to positive effect is assessed for this SA objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Neutral to positive effects, dependent on implementation and the scale of windfall development over the plan period.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Adopt principles of good design set out in Design Policy plus site specific policy. Safeguarding natural assets within sites which contribute to health and wellbeing.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>The effects of development on the wider area. Viability and feasibility to impose policy measures aimed at softening and enhancing a new development. Low-medium risk.</p>

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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	+	0	~	~	~	~	~	0	~	~	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies generally work positively to support the delivery of housing and meet the needs of the community. The policies provide certainty as to where housing is acceptable and where it is not acceptable aligning to the spatial strategy, providing specific or general development opportunities and ensuring that a diversity of housing stock is provided in support of targets and objectives, and responsive to the needs set out in supporting evidence. Policy also acts to ensure that new development is supported by sufficient infrastructure. The housing requirement reflects local demographic growth needs adjusted for migration. The effectiveness of the housing requirement in responding to housing needs is however limited due to the significance of affordable housing need and the very limited response provided to this need by the proposed housing requirement.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Overall likely positive effects over the plan period from adoption.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Policy encourages and adopts a positive framework for the delivery of affordable housing.</p> <p>Implementation of wider policy to ensure that the types and size of homes provided are consistent with identified needs.</p> <p>Contributions secured through s.106 agreements. Implementation of policy requirements to secure housing mix responsive to need.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Affordable housing is delivered in accordance with policy. Infrastructure requirements meets CIL tests. Low viability limits the positive effect that the Local Plan has for this objective.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Needs alter through the plan period. The market alters through the plan period changing the feasibility to meet obligation requirements. Medium risk.</p>

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	+	0	~	0	~	~	+	0	0	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies generally deliver positive effects towards this objective. The policies will help secure the housing needs of the borough required to provide homes which meets the needs of the community, including securing the right type and mix of homes. The policies help to tackle deprivation and secure improvements to the quality of homes available in the borough. The proposed approach is unlikely to support projected the delivery of projected job growth in full unless wider policy interventions aimed at securing an increase in economic activity amongst the existing population are successful. Whilst a negative effect is recorded for Policy DM20 the majority of the policies are beneficial for the economy. Policies within this section also help to encourage investment by providing for a higher quality environment. Policies seek to protect the operational needs of existing land uses through the decision-making process. Policies seek to protect and support the expansion of education infrastructure and encourage the provision of training opportunities for local residents through the planning process.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Positive effects in the medium and longer term as policies take effect following adoption.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>The adoption of a positive approach to decision making for development which accords with the Local Plan. Interventions in the local labour market prove to be effective in increasing economic activity rates. A robust monitoring framework is developed tracking the success of the policy and establishing mechanism for review if necessary.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Needs alter through the plan period. The market alters through the plan period changing the feasibility to meet obligation requirements. Medium risk.</p>

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3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	0	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies work collectively and synergistically to promote the regeneration of existing urban areas within settlement boundaries, both complementing and assisting with the delivery of adopted strategic policy, development targets and objectives. This is achieved through the allocation of land for housing, and the adoption of guidelines and standards which aim to protect and enhance the urban environment, community services and infrastructure, and their wider community. The guidance provided provides clarity for developers and helps to protect existing communities from harm as a result of proposals and wider community interests such as access to quality open space, education and training and community services. Mixed effects are assessed for the housing requirement noting the limited support this provides to the economic growth potential of the borough as evidenced through the HEDNA and the limited response provided to affordable housing needs. The housing requirement however is not a ceiling to development and the plan provides a supply of housing land in excess of this minimum figure. It is important that the Council implements the presumption in favour of sustainable development through decision making as relevant.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Likely significant positive effects over the plan period from adoption.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Interventions in the local labour market prove to be effective in increasing economic activity rates. A robust monitoring framework is developed tracking the success of the policy and establishing mechanism for review if necessary.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Development comes forward in accordance with the development plan. Large scale infrastructure may be also reliant on third party funding/implementation. Requirement for multi-agency working/collaboration.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Timescales. Subject to negotiation. Reliance on third parties. Unplanned development resulting in increased/redirected infrastructure needs. Medium risk.</p>

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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	0	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies support this objective by increasing the availability and accessibility of new and high quality housing stock. Policies ensure that new homes are of the right type and location to meet assessed needs, sufficiently sized for their requirements, are adaptable to meet their specific needs, are affordable, and accessible to existing services and facilities, with on-site open space provision and is connected to footpath and cycling networks. All are important in promoting the health and wellbeing of residents within the Borough. The guidance provided provides clarity for developers and helps to protect existing communities from harm as a result of proposals. The policies seek to ensure that the needs of the community are considered through the planning process including the role provided by existing community infrastructure, including education establishments. Mixed effects are noted for the housing requirement taking into account the finding that this need can be accommodated within settlement boundaries, thereby helping to safeguard the open countryside from development and the role this has in supporting the health and wellbeing of residents, balanced against the potential harm caused by the policy should new homes be insufficient to support economic potential of the borough and access to jobs/commuting rates. Overall the policies of this section of the plan are assessed to have a cumulative and synergistic positive effect for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effects from adoption. Likely to increase overtime as new builds come forward in line with policy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Alterations to technical details, design, type, or overall capacity sought may be required. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Finance – Viability/Funding. Medium risk.</p>

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5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	+	+	++	~	+	+	+	0	0	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies have a neutral to positive effect for this objective. The requirement for new homes is largely to be satisfied on sites within settlement boundaries, with additional opportunities provided by windfall sites approved in accordance with the plan's wider policies. Sites are allocated to meet residual housing needs applying the spatial strategy. The policies therefore help to direct development in accordance with the spatial strategy and promote sustainable travel and the alignment of growth with infrastructure. Wider housing policies of the plan relate to the type of development sought with limited bearing on sustainable transport issues. The latter policies of this section of the plan seek to support community service provision, reducing the need to travel, and ensure that highway requirements, such as parking and the promotion of walking and cycling are taken into account, encouraged, and secured as appropriate through the development management process. Mixed effects are assessed for the proposed housing requirement balancing the commentary outlined above against the limited supply of labour provided and potential knock-on effects for commuting patterns.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral or minor positive effect over the plan period with adoption of site allocations and application of wider policies of the plan.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Allocation of Sites to meet identified needs in sustainable locations with the infrastructure necessary to promote the use of non-car modes to travel. Implementation of DM policies. Travel Plan measures. Provision of walking and cycling infrastructure. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Technology changes. The severity of climate change and impact this has on planning and infrastructure requirements. Viability and feasibility to meet policy requirement on a site level. Medium risk.</p>



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6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	+	0	+	~	~	~	+	0	~	~	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies have a generally positive effect for this objective. The requirement for new homes is largely satisfied on sites within settlement boundaries, with additional opportunities provided by windfall sites approved in accordance with the plan's wider policies (including those in this section). The policies therefore help to direct development in accordance with the spatial strategy and promote sustainable travel and the alignment of growth with infrastructure. Policies also seek to ensure that land is used effectively, either by way of their density, or ensuring that proposals are designed holistically with integrated drainage, open space, and biodiversity features. Mixed effects are identified for Policy DM23 given the scope provided for rural exceptions developments. The assessment of mixed effects recognises the effective use of land provided by the policy towards meeting identified affordable housing need. Latter policies within this section of the Local Plan have a limited relevance to SA objective and are generally concluded to have a neutral or negligible effect.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral or minor positive effect over the plan period with adoption of site allocations and application of wider policies of the plan.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>In line with design policy, developments should make effective use of land, responding accordingly to opportunities for higher density development where appropriate. Boundary treatment, layout, orientation and physical appearance works may be required to reduce and soften the effect of the development on the wider landscape and townscape.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites. Medium risk.</p>

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7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	+	0	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies are likely to have a neutral or negligible effects on this objective. The housing requirement can be met largely at brownfield sites, safeguarding natural water resources from loss/degradation from new development. The allocations process, has to a high level, considered likely effects on water quality and resources, with sites specifically selected to minimise the likelihood for adverse effects. Homes built to higher efficiency standards, and policies which aim to ensure the new development makes efficient use of resources, aid the achievement of the SA objective. Wider policies of this section provide guidance influencing the type of development taking place or wider types of development which have no bearing on water quality/resource pressures. An exception to this is policy DM30 which seeks to maintain and enhance open space and its accessibility to communities which help to green developments and urban environments and improve water quality and safeguard water resources. Mixed effects are assessed for allocations noting the potential for contamination of proposed sites but safeguarding role played by their allocation towards greenfield locations.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>On balance the proposals are likely to have a neutral effect on this SA objective from adoption for the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Application of policy and design requirements. Development to avoid watercourses. Sufficient drainage management measures. Open Space and landscaping.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Medium risk.</p>

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8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	~	+	~	~	~	~	+	0	~	~	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies are anticipated to have a neutral to positive effect on this objective both in cumulative and synergistic terms. The allocations process has considered flood risk and likely effects of development of flood risk. This is confirmed in greater detail on a site specific level through the SFRA with Level 2 SFRA commissioned for several sites which require a further level detail to understand the flood characteristics and risk associated with the relevant sites development, and therefore their suitability for allocation, and parameters for this development. Site specific policy include requirements for flood risk and drainage to be sufficiently taken into account and responded to through the design and development process, and is also set out in DM policy for wider unplanned development. Wider policies of this section provide guidance influencing the type of development taking place or wider types of development which have little to no bearing on flood risk. Mixed effects are assessed for allocations noting the potential for flood risk at proposed sites but safeguarding role played by their allocation towards greenfield locations.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent neutral effect with adverse effects likely to be limited in scale and duration.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Application of policy requirements. Development to avoid watercourses and areas of high flood risk. Sufficient drainage management measures provided enabling greenfield runoff rates to be maintained, or a betterment to be delivered for PDL sites. Open Space and landscaping. Porous materials. Etc.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Rate and effects of climate change. Medium risk.</p>

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9. To improve air quality.	+	+	++	~	~	~	?	0	0	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies have a largely neutral or positive effect for this objective where applicable. Proposed allocations are made within settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the need to travel as homes are built near to existing services and infrastructure. The policies seek to provide opportunity for enhanced service provision and seek to retain and protect existing community facilities with potential positive effects in promoting sustainable travel due to the reduced need to travel. The policies also seek to ensure that applicants consider and respond relevant issues of health and wellbeing caused by their development. Responses to this may include enhanced open space provision or connectivity by foot or bicycle with policies promoting this infrastructure included within the section to encourage active travel. Wider policies of this section relate to specific types of development which do not have specific consequences for air quality with negligible effects assessed. The proposed housing requirement may lead to unsustainable patterns of travel without wider policy intervention. This is balanced against the urban centric spatial approach to meeting development its adoption helps to implement.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Positive effects in the medium and longer term as the policy is implemented and affects development proposals.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Bike storage. Pedestrian infrastructure. Open Space. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Encouraging a modal shift. Feasibility/viability of mitigation measures. Medium risk.</p>

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10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	+	+	++	~	~	+	+	0	0	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies have a neutral to positive effect for this objective where applicable. Proposed allocations are made within settlement boundaries, helping to minimise the need to travel as homes are built near to existing services and infrastructure. This makes effective use of existing developed land and infrastructure and reduces pressure to use the borough's natural land assets to meet identified development needs. The policies seek to provide opportunity for enhanced service provision and seek to protect existing community services with potential positive effects in promoting sustainable travel options and patterns of activity. The policies also seek to ensure that applicants consider and respond relevant issues of health and wellbeing caused by their development. Responses to this may include enhanced open space provision or connectivity by foot or bicycle with policies promoting this infrastructure included within the section to encourage active travel and reduce reliance on car travel. Wider policies of this section relate to specific types of development which do not have specific consequences for climate change with negligible effects assessed. The proposed housing requirement may lead to unsustainable patterns of travel without wider policy intervention. This is balanced against the urban centric spatial approach to meeting development its adoption helps to implement.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Positive effects in the medium and longer term as the policy is implemented and affects development proposals.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Bike storage. Pedestrian infrastructure. Open Space. Adaptive design measures. Location of development. Interventions in the local labour market are needed to support increases in economic activity.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Encouraging a modal shift. Feasibility/viability of mitigation measures. Medium risk.</p>

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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	?	0	~	0	~	~	+	~	~	~	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>Allocated sites are directed towards the borough's existing and most sustainable settlements, helping to safeguard the natural resources of the borough within the district's undeveloped areas. This includes meeting the borough's broader housing need with policies promoting the reuse/adaptation of existing buildings to meet housing need helping to reduce the amount of land and natural resources consumed to meet and respond to housing need. Negligible effects are largely assessed for the remaining policies of this section owing to the scope of the policies included and their limited relationship to this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effect where relevant.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Delivery of allocated sites.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Suitable means of storage and collection provided for through the development.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Allocated sites identified in the plan for housing fail to come forward, increasing pressure to develop greenfield land. Low-medium risk.</p>

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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	+	+	~	~	~	~	+	~	~	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies in general are likely to have a neutral effect on this objective. The requirement for new homes has the potential to adversely affect wildlife regardless of whether it is related to brownfield or greenfield locations. Sites have been subject to high level assessment for their proximity to designated sites and use by protected species. Allocated sites are no known to be important for protected species, and do not form part of the wider ecological network. Their allocation is beneficial to this policy objective and helps safeguard other undeveloped areas of the borough which may be important for ecology, either for its habitats, role as part of a wildlife corridor or stepping stones. Wider policies of the plan should ensure that biodiversity is not harmed as a result of development with the need to account for nature included within policy requirements. The wider policies of this section of the plan have limited direct relationship with this SA objective and so the effects are likely to be minimal. Policies promoting healthy living environments and access to and the provision of open space are likely to also benefit this SA objective. Remaining policies of this section have limited relevance and so negligible effects are assessed.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Harm likely to be experienced during construction and in the short to medium term. This harm is likely to reduce as development and biodiversity measures provided matures. Overall, in cumulative and synergistic terms a neutral effect is assessed for the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Avoid, manage, New habitat areas, landscaped areas, open space, SuDs, Habitat features and safeguarding areas in new buildings.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Success of new habitats. Low-medium risk.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Biodiversity value of sites prior to development is likely variable. Medium risk.</p>

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13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	~	?	~	+	~	~	0	0	0	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies generally have a neutral to positive for this objective. At this time the effect of the plan for the delivery of specific sites for housing is unclear noting the variety of the historic environment in Pendle although high level assessment has shown little to no effect is anticipated from proposed allocations. This will be clarified the planning application process. Policy which seek to reuse existing buildings or developed land is likely to be of benefit to this SA objective either by way of enhancements to the quality of the urban environment, removing/reducing buildings in a dilapidated condition, or reducing the need to build elsewhere. The policies also seek to ensure that proportionate attention and protection consistent with national planning policy is given to the historic environment in the Local Plan. This approach ensures that such development will not have an adverse effect on the built environment and safeguards those areas or features which are most sensitive. Overall a neutral to positive effect is assessed for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent neutral to positive effects from adoption of the plan.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Implementation of design and heritage policy. Preparation and submission of a heritage statement where necessary.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Medium risk.</p>



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14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	~	+	~	+	~	~	0	+	0	0	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies in general are likely to have a neutral to positive effect on this objective. The requirement for new homes has been shown by the SHLAA to be achievable at largely brownfield sites within settlement boundaries. This approach helps to safeguard existing undeveloped spaces from development and help secure enhancements to the built environment of existing settlements. Further policies of this section aim to secure further sources of supply making best use of existing buildings and through very limited expansion within the open countryside. Where applicable policy requirements require applicants to consider and reflect the built character of the wider area to ensure that proposals integrate effectively into the wider area. The policies further underline the role that the natural environment has in supporting health and wellbeing, including its role for sport and recreation, seeking to conserve these environments. Overall a cumulative and synergistic neutral to positive effect is assessed for this SA objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Neutral to positive effects, dependent on implementation and the scale of windfall development over the plan period.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Adopt principles of good design set out in Design Policy plus site specific policy. Safeguarding natural assets within sites which contribute to health and wellbeing.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The effects of development on the wider area. Viability and feasibility to impose policy measures aimed at softening and enhancing a new development. Low-medium risk.</p>

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### Economic Policies

#### Summary

The economic policies of the plan have positive to significant positive effects for social and economic objectives. This arises by ensuring that the supply of existing employment land is maintained retaining existing businesses and jobs within the Borough. Opportunity is provided for economic growth through newly allocated sites at West Craven Business Park, Earby and Long Ing Lane Industrial Estate (Jackdaw Road), Barnoldswick to provide additional flexibility in the supply in meeting projected employment needs. Significant employment opportunities within the committed pipeline including at Lomeshaye Phase 2 and the Riverside Business Park. The allocation of these additional sites provide opportunities within the West Craven sub-area and delivers a pattern of employment development which is consistent with the spatial strategy. Policies for commercial development respond to changes to the use class order to increase the opportunity for and diversity of uses within the borough's designated town and district centres which support vitality and vibrancy and encourage reinvestment and regeneration of these centres. Outside of these designated locations opportunities for commercial development is limited to specified areas in order to protect the vitality of town centres and safeguard the environment, infrastructure and amenity. Employment policies generally have a mixed effect for environmental objectives. There is a need to develop Greenfield land in order to provide choice to the market in attractive locations for commercial development. This creates inevitable tension with these objectives. However policies which seek to safeguard and renew existing employment land for its economic uses generally have a positive effect particularly where redevelopment would address existing environmental conditions. Adverse environmental effects are assessed for Policy DM40 with the delivery of the employment land requirement reliant on greenfield committed developments which if not delivered will require alternative (greenfield) sites. Neutral effects are generally assessed for the proposed tourism and equestrian policies given the likely limited scale of development likely to come forward in accordance with the policies over the plan period and the measures contained within the policies to prevent or minimise adverse effects for the environment, transport networks, and amenity.

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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	0	0	+	+	~	~	~	~	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies largely have a neutral to positive effect or are unrelated to this objective. Policies for mixed use and town centre development do have a positive effect on this objective owing to the support and scope provided for the development of new homes which will benefit the supply and mix of housing delivered over the plan period in response to housing needs identified with the HEDNA. Other policies relate solely to employment and therefore have a limited bearing on this SA objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Likely neutral to positive effect over the plan period dependent on implementation of policy and site opportunities which come forward over the plan period.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>The implementation of a positive approach to decision making.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Scale of development brought forward in accordance with this policy. Medium risk.</p>

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies work strongly to support the delivery of this objective. They safeguard the most important existing sites and locations for commercial and employment land uses over the plan period and provide opportunities new land for employment sites to meet identified emerging needs to encourage the expansion and development of the local economy. Policies protect existing sites important to the local economy and retention of local jobs and businesses. Sustainable growth is afforded by policy which enables the renewal and expansion of existing economic sites both within protected employment areas and within the rural area, to help ensure that the evolving land requirement needs of businesses can be achieved locally, without the need to relocate. A positive response is provided to changes to the Use Class Order making the most of the opportunity this policy changes provides to expand the role and uses within the commercial heart of the Borough's town centres, whilst providing positive guidance for other uses. The policies work to provide a positive framework to support the ongoing sustainable development of the Borough's tourism industry supporting economic development in rural areas where sustainable and compatible with adjacent land uses and can where it can be integrated effectively into the wider open countryside.</p> <p><b>Term</b> Positive effect for the plan period from adoption.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b> Monitoring of the type, scale and location of employment development delivered and lost during the plan period. Monitoring of progress made to deliver sites allocated for employment through the Local Plan and Core Strategy.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b> None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b> Market/Demand shifts. Wider economic forces. Loss of existing employment sites, including retail to other land uses. Medium Risk</p>

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3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	+	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies fulfil an important role for this objective both cumulatively and synergistically. The policies seek to ensure that existing employment land is retained and reserved for economic use to maintain existing jobs within the Borough which are critical to the local economy. The policies offer opportunity for businesses to invest in their premises and expand/refigure these to meet their needs without having to meet. The opportunity reinvestment and regeneration of the Borough's town centres and local shopping areas afforded in policy enables a diversity of land uses within these areas whilst protecting their vitality. Sustainable growth within the rural economy is permitted ensuring that rural communities, businesses and economic sectors are supported during the plan period. The collective effect of the policies is beneficial in supporting urban regeneration, vitality of rural areas, and will help to tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Positive to significant effect for the plan period from adoption.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>The Council takes a proactive approach in promoting its economic site portfolio. Monitor the scale, location and type of employment and retail development approved, completed and lost.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market/Demand shifts. Wider economic forces. Loss of existing employment sites, including retail to other land uses. Medium Risk</p>

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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	+	+	+	++	+	0	+	+	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies have a positive effect on this objective by protecting and increasing opportunity for economic activity and jobs in the Borough. This is achieved through a range of methods including the allocation of new land for employment development, protections to existing strategic employment sites and encouragement of their renewal, and the diversification (and maintained role) of the Borough's Town Centres and local shopping centres. Access to employment fulfils an important role for health and wellbeing providing a steady income to support healthy living and can act to provide a sense of purpose and activity, offering opportunity to enhance and develop skills and provide an important source of social interaction. The policies aim to promote and maintain the local economy, minimising the need for local residents to travel extensive distances to access sources of employment. The policies therefore offer cumulative and synergistic support to the Pendle economy to the benefit of health and wellbeing.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Permanent significant positive effect from adoption.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Any specific forms of development which may be harmful to health and wellbeing will need to be considered on a case by case basis applying the policies of the development plan when read as a whole. Monitor the scale, location and type of employment and retail development approved, completed and lost.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market/Demand shifts. Wider economic forces. Loss of existing employment sites, including retail to other land uses. At a site level certain forms of economic activity and operations may be harmful to health and wellbeing. Medium – High risk.</p>

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5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	+	++	+	++	0	-	-	+	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies collectively and synergistically have a positive effect on this objective. The policies work together to reduce the need to travel to access employment through the application of a multiple range of measures. This includes the allocation of new sites for employment in accessible locations, protections and the encouragement of renewal of existing employment sites, and policies which seek to diversify but offer overall protection to the commercial role played by the Borough's designated Town Centres and Local shopping areas. The policies work collectively to protect and diversify the Borough's economic base, reducing the need for residents to travel elsewhere to access employment opportunities, shops or services resulting in unsustainable travel patterns. Policies promoting tourism, particularly in the rural area, have a minor adverse effect on this objective, noting that these sites can be isolated and are often not served by public transport. The overall effect however does not outweigh the positives brought by the wider policies of this section towards the fulfilment of this objective and as such a positive effect is assessed for this objective cumulatively and synergistically.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>Permanent positive effect.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Allocation of Sites to meet identified needs in sustainable locations with the infrastructure necessary to promote the use of non-car modes to travel. Implementation of travel plan requirements where necessary. Improvements sought to local highway infrastructure as necessary. Monitor the scale, location and type of employment and retail development approved, completed and lost.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>Promoted sites have readily available means of reducing the reliance on cars, and viable with measures to do so.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>The scale, type and location of development at non-allocated sites is at this time unclear. Medium risk.</p>

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6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	+/-	++	++	+	+	0	+	+/-	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies generally have a positive effect on this objective. The policies seek to focus and protect the Borough's existing employment land and town centres as the focus for economic activity enabling their reuse and diversification. This approach reduces the need to develop additional greenfield land to meet employment needs and encourages the reuse and reinvestment of existing employment land and buildings within the Borough protecting its role within the economy. Mixed effects are assessed for Policy DM40 and AL02 given the role of greenfield sites in meeting assessed employment needs. Overall, the policies are assessed to have positive cumulative and synergistic effects for this SA objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>The policies are likely to have positive to significant positive effects on this objective from adoption of the Local Plan.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>The continued protection of employment sites through the implementation of policy. The flexible use of existing economic land as suitable to support diversification of the economy and secure the active use of developed land. The environmental implications of developing sites committed for employment has already been assessed and balanced through the Council's decision making process.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>



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7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	0	0	0	~	0	0	~	-	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The main thrust of the policies is to maintain and encourage the reuse and reinvestment in existing sites or premises for economic uses results in neutral effect on this objective. The policies help protect the need to develop extensive tracts of land which might have some role or value for water quality and resources by encouraging the redevelopment of existing PDL for employment uses. This approach could also (depending on implementation) have a beneficial effect in treating and removing sources of contamination with new buildings having a reducing requirement for water resource with the application of efficient water use standards. The exception is Policy AL02 where both sites allocated are closely related to existing watercourses and their development for employment and occupation could affect water quality resulting in an adverse effect. Despite this and noting the limited scale of these sites (with affects likely at a localised scale) overall, the policies are assessed to have a neutral effect for this objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Likely permanent neutral effect.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of Environmental protection and flood risk policy.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The main thrust of the policies is to maintain and encourage the reuse and reinvestment in existing sites or premises for economic uses with likely neutral effects for this objective. The policies work in general to protect the need to develop extensive tracts of undeveloped land to meet economic need. One site identified for employment has been concluded by the SFRA that its development could adversely affect local flooding issues and as such detailed modelling is required. The detailed modelling will inform site specific policy and design measures to ensure that the site's development does not increase the risk of flooding and is not at unacceptable risk of flooding for occupiers. An adverse effect is therefore assessed for Policy AL02. However, notwithstanding this the policies of this section of the plan are assessed to have a neutral cumulative and synergistic effect on this SA objective.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Likely permanent neutral effect.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of flood risk and water management policies.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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9. To improve air quality.	+	0	+	+	0	0	~	0	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>Policies are likely to have a neutral to positive effect for this objective. The policies seek to ensure that existing major sites in employment use are kept in employment use over the plan period to protect local jobs and safeguard the local economy. As far as possible allocated sites are directed to accessible locations, however the majority of projected needs is to be accommodated on sites with planning permission. The exact nature of what processes and operations occurs at these sites is not controlled through this policy (beyond its use class) and as such a neutral effect is assessed. Town Centre uses policies seek to expand the uses permitted within the commercial core area and resist town centre types uses outside of these areas. This helps promote multipurpose trips into these areas helping to limit emissions and focuses economic activity to areas which are generally better accessed by public transport, foot, and bicycle infrastructure in contrast with greenfield sites/sites in peripheral locations.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Likely effects will be limited in the shorter term, with increasing positive effects in the longer term.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	0	0	+	+	0	0	~	0	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>Policies are likely to have a neutral to positive effect for this objective. The policies seek to ensure that existing major sites in employment use are kept in employment use over the plan period to protect local jobs and safeguard the local economy. As far as possible allocated sites are directed to accessible locations, however the majority of projected needs is to be accommodated on sites with planning permission. The exact nature of what processes and operations occurs at these sites is not controlled through this policy (beyond its use class) and as such a neutral effect is assessed. Town Centre uses policies seek to expand the uses permitted within the commercial core area and resist town centre types uses outside of these areas. This helps promote multipurpose trips into these areas helping to limit emissions and focuses economic activity to areas which are generally better accessed by public transport, foot, and bicycle infrastructure in contrast with greenfield sites/sites in peripheral locations.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>Likely effects will be limited in the shorter term, with increasing positive effects in the longer term.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Travel vouchers. Bike Storage. Electric charging points, car sharing.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	+	+	+	~	+	~	+	+/-	<p><b>Likely Significant Effects</b></p> <p>The policies work together to protect and reinvigorate existing employment land and town centres as the focus for economic activity. This approach reduces the need to develop greenfield land to meet employment needs (albeit one greenfield site is allocated for employment) and encourages the reuse and reinvestment of existing employment land and buildings within the Borough. The approach applied by the policies helps to safeguard the natural resources of Pendle from loss. Policy AL02 allocates a greenfield site for the development of employment land uses and as such is assessed to have a mixed effect for this objective.</p> <p><b>Term</b></p> <p>The policies are likely to have positive to significant positive effects on this objective from adoption of the Local Plan.</p> <p><b>Mitigation</b></p> <p>Design and sustainability policies will be implemented to make effective use of materials. Environmental protection policies apply for the extraction, treatment and extraction of contaminated material.</p> <p><b>Assumptions</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>Uncertainties</b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	-	0	+	0	+	0	0	-	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies seek to maintain and encourage the reuse and reinvestment in existing sites or premises for economic uses, securing and diversifying the role they play in the economy and Borough. As a result a generally neutral effect is assessed for this objective in cumulative and synergistic terms for the policies. The policies work in general to reduce the need to develop extensive tracts of land which might have some role or value directly or indirectly for biodiversity, geodiversity, or green infrastructure to meet economic / retail growth needs. This includes policy measures which protects existing employment sites, directs economic and retail development to existing sites, and policy which works to ensure that proposals within rural areas do not result in irreversible harm to nature. The policies therefore as far as possible safeguard the natural assets of the borough ensuring their condition is maintained whilst securing ecological enhancement at existing developed sites. Policy DM40 is reliant on commitments to meet identified employment land requirements as assessed through the HEDNA. Much of these include greenfield land. Should these fail to come forward alternative greenfield sites would be required. Policy AL02 allocates two sites which are closely related to existing wildlife corridors and as such the development of these site could adversely affect this SA objective. Notwithstanding this, and taking into the limited scale of these sites, overall neutral to positive effects are assessed for this SA objective for this section of the Local Plan.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>On balance a neutral is effect with potential for adverse effects in localised areas is assessed.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of Design and ecological policies. Committed sites have already been considered on their merits through the decision making process. Monitoring of commitments and amount, size and location of general employment delivery.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	-	?	+	+	0	0	0	0	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies seek to maintain and encourage the reuse and reinvestment in existing sites or premises for economic uses, securing and diversifying the role they play in the economy and Borough. This approach is likely to have a generally neutral effect on this objective. Historical assets are found throughout the Borough and will have a varying degree of relationship and connection to commercial sites. There may be some instances where the policies are beneficial but also some instances where harm might arise from the redevelopment of a site. In general it is anticipated that town centre policies will have a generally positive effect for historical assets given that benefits the continued use and investment in a premises or site is likely to have on the quality of the wider built environment in contrast to it going unused and vacant. Policy DM40 is reliant on commitments to meet identified employment land requirements as assessed through the HEDNA. Much of these include developments on greenfield land. Employment proposals are by their nature often functional in appearance and do not integrate well into wider natural or historic settings. Should commitments not come forward as anticipated, alternative greenfield sites would need to be identified. Proposed allocations identified through Policy AL02 are not anticipated to adversely affect the historic environment.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>On balance a neutral is effect with potential for adverse effects in localised areas is assessed.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of Design and heritage policy. Committed sites have already been considered on their merits through the decision making process. Monitoring of commitments and amount, size and location of general employment delivery.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Variation in scale, type, form and operations of economic and commercial development. Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>

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14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	-	0	+	+	0	0	0	+/-	<p><b><u>Likely Significant Effects</u></b></p> <p>The policies seek to maintain and encourage the reuse and reinvestment of existing sites and premises for economic uses, securing and diversifying the role they play in the economy and Borough. As a result it is considered that the policies will have a generally neutral effect for this objective. The policies work in general to protect the need to develop extensive tracts of land which might have some landscape value or contribute positively to the setting on a settlement, thus safeguarding these areas and ensuring their condition is maintained. Development is largely directed to built-up areas which are often less sensitive, and on established employment sites which are already integrated into the wider skyline and settlement pattern. The renewal and reuse of existing property or PDL for economic development could have a positive effect for townscape as uses are maintained preventing sites and premises from falling vacant and into decline. Town Centre policies which broaden the uses permitted within this area help to encourage investment in these areas and aid the regeneration of the Borough. Policy DM40 is however reliant on commitments to meet identified employment land requirements as assessed through the HEDNA. Much of these include developments on greenfield land. Employment proposals are by their nature often functional in appearance and do not integrate well into wider natural or historic settings. Should commitments not come forward as anticipated, alternative greenfield sites would need to be identified. An mixed effect is assessed for Policy AL02 noting the likely harm caused to the local landscape by the development of the West Craven Business Park extension. The effects are limited to a localised area of the borough and is not of a significant enough magnitude to warrant an overall adverse effect for this SA objective for this section of the Local Plan.</p> <p><b><u>Term</u></b></p> <p>On balance a neutral is effect with potential for adverse effects in localised areas is assessed.</p> <p><b><u>Mitigation</u></b></p> <p>Implementation of Design and heritage policy. Committed sites have already been considered on their merits through the decision making process. Monitoring of commitments and amount, size and location of general employment delivery.</p> <p><b><u>Assumptions</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Uncertainties</u></b></p> <p>Market conditions change. There is a change in national policy in regard to the use of land. Funding sources change. The needs of businesses change and they outgrow or need alternative sites to function efficiently. Pressure to develop Greenfield sites increases. Medium risk.</p>
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