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1. To meet the housing needs of all communities in the Pendle area and deliver decent homes.	• Will it provide a range of housing types and tenures to meet the current and emerging need for market and affordable housing? • Will it promote improvements to the Borough's existing housing stock, particularly the older terraced housing located in the most deprived areas? • Will it help to ensure the provision of good quality, well designed homes? • Will it help enable delivery of pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople if required?	• Affordable housing (no. of units) • House prices; housing affordability • Homelessness • Housing completions (type and size) • Housing tenure • LA stock declared non-decent • Sheltered accommodation suitable for older people	**++**	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would provide a significant increase to housing supply and would provide access to decent, affordable housing for residents with different needs (e.g. housing sites with capacity for 100 or more units).
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would provide an increase to housing supply and would provide access to decent, affordable housing for residents with different needs (e.g. housing sites of between 1 and 99 units). The policy/proposal would make use of/improve existing buildings or unfit, empty homes. The policy/proposal would promote high quality design. The policy/proposal would deliver suitable pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and Showpeople.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of meeting housing needs. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would reduce the amount of affordable, decent housing available (e.g. a net loss of between 1 and 99 dwellings).
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would significantly reduce the amount of affordable, decent housing available (e.g. a net loss of 100+ dwellings).
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.

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2. To achieve a strong and stable economy which offers high quality and well located employment opportunities for everyone.	• Will it provide a supply of the right type and quality of employment land to meet the needs of existing businesses and attract inward investment? • Will it maintain and enhance economic competitiveness? • Will it help to diversify the local economy and support the increase in the number of jobs available? • Will it help to diversify the local economy? • Will it provide good quality, well paid employment opportunities that meet the needs of local people? • Will it improve the physical accessibility of jobs? • Will it promote a low carbon economy? • Will it reduce out-commuting? • Will it improve access to training to raise employment potential? • Will it promote investment in educational establishments? • Will support rural diversification? • Will it promote tourism and support the visitor economy?	• Benefit claimants • VAT business registration rate, registrations, de-registrations • Businesses per 1000 population • Employment rate • Number of jobs • New floor space • Shops, vacant shops • Unemployment rate • Business start-ups in the rural areas • Numbers employed in tourism employment • Value of the visitor economy	**++**	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would significantly encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure which would lead to a more diversified economy, maximising viability of the local economy and reducing out-commuting (e.g.it would deliver over 1 ha of employment land). The policy/proposal would result in the creation of new educational institutions.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would encourage investment in businesses, people and infrastructure (e.g. delivering between 0.1 and 0.99 ha of employment land). The policy/proposal would provide accessible employment opportunities. The policy/proposal would support diversification of the rural economy. The policy/proposal would deliver residential development in close proximity to a major employment site (i.e. within 2,000m walking distance or 30mins travel time by public transport). The policy/proposal would support existing educational institutions. The policy/proposal would support economic growth in the low carbon sector.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of the objective for meeting projected economic/jobs growth. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would have negative effects on businesses, the local economy and local employment (e.g. it would result in the loss of between 01 and 0.99 ha of employment land).
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would have significant negative effects on business, the local economy and local employment (e.g. policy/proposal would lead to the closure or relocation of existing significant local businesses, loss of employment land of 1 ha or more, or would affect key sectors). The policy/proposal would result in the loss of existing educational establishments without suitable replacement provision elsewhere within the Borough.

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			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
3. To promote urban regeneration, support the vitality of rural areas, tackle deprivation and promote sustainable living.	• Will it support and enhance the Borough by attracting new commercial investment? • Will it enhance the public realm? • Will it enhance the viability and vitality of the Borough's town centres, local shopping centres and villages? • Will it tackle deprivation and reduce inequalities in access to education, employment and services? • Will it ensure people are not disadvantaged with regard to ethnicity, gender, age, disability, faith, sexuality, background or location? • Will it foster social cohesion? • Will it maintain and enhance community facilities and services? • Will it increase access to schools and colleges?	• VAT business registration rate, registrations, de-registrations • Businesses per 1000 population • Accessibility to education sites, employment sites, health care, leisure centres, open space, shopping centres • Employment rate • Number of jobs • New floor space • Shops, vacant shops • Unemployment rate • 15 year olds achieving 5 or more GCSEs at Grade A* - C • 19 year olds qualified to NVQ level 2 or equivalent	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would significantly enhance the attractiveness of the Borough as a place to invest, live, work and visit. The policy/proposal would create new, or significantly enhance existing, community facilities and services. The policy/proposal would significantly improve social and environmental conditions within deprived areas and support regeneration. The policy/proposal would ensure that new residential development is located in close proximity to a wide range of services and facilities (e.g. within 800 m of a wide range of services and/or the defined town centres and local shopping centres). The policy/proposal would significantly enhance the vitality and viability of the town centres and/or local shopping centres.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would enhance the attractiveness of Pendle as a place to invest, live, work and visit. The policy/proposal would enhance existing community facilities and services. The policy/proposal would improve social and environmental conditions within deprived areas. The policy/proposal would ensure that new residential development is located in close proximity to some services and facilities (e.g. within 800 m of a key service). The policy/proposal would enhance the vitality and viability of the town centres and/or local shopping centres.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.

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	• Will it enhance accessibility to key community facilities and services? • Will it align investment in services, facilities and infrastructure with growth? • Will it contribute to regeneration initiatives? • Will it help tackle population decline in certain areas of the Borough?	• 21 year olds qualified to NVQ level 3 or equivalent • Working age population qualifications • Indices of multiple deprivation • Benefit claimants • Population estimates	+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of the objective for regeneration and supporting the vitality and viability of town centres and/or local shopping centres. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would undermine the attractiveness of the Borough as a place to invest, live, work and visit. The policy/proposal would reduce the accessibility, availability and quality of existing community facilities and services. The policy/proposal would result in new residential development being located away from existing services and facilities (e.g. in excess of 2,000 m from a wide range of services). The policy/proposal would have an adverse effect on the vitality and viability of the town centres and/or local shopping centres.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would substantially undermine the attractiveness of the Borough as a place to invest, live, work and visit leading to an outflow of the population and disinvestment. The policy/proposal would result in the loss of existing community facilities and services without their replacement elsewhere within the Borough. The policy/proposal would have a significantly adverse effect on the vitality and viability of town centres and/or local shopping centres. The policy/proposal would result in new residential development being inaccessible to existing services and facilities.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.

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4. To improve the health and wellbeing of those living and working in the Pendle area.	• Will it avoid locating development where environmental circumstances could negatively impact on people's health? • Will it protect and enhance the provision of open space, leisure and recreational facilities? • Will it maintain and improve access to open space, leisure and recreational facilities? • Will it promote healthier lifestyles? • Will it meet the needs of an ageing population? • Will it support those with disabilities? • Will it maintain and enhance healthcare facilities and services? • Will it align investment in healthcare facilities and services with growth? • Will it improve access to healthcare facilities and services? • Will it promote community safety? • Will it reduce actual levels of crime and anti-social behaviour?	• Life expectancy at birth • New/enhanced health facilities • Open spaces managed to green flag award standard • New and enhanced open space (ha) • Crimes – by category and total	**++**	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would have strong and sustained impacts on healthy lifestyles and improve well-being through physical activity, recreational activity, improved environmental quality, etc. Different groups within the society are taken into consideration. The policy/proposal would ensure that new residential development is located in close proximity to a range of healthcare facilities (e.g. within 800 m of a GP surgery and open space). The policy/proposal would deliver new healthcare facilities and/or open space. The policy/proposal would significantly reduce the level of crime through design and other safety measures.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would promote healthy lifestyles and improve well-being through physical activity, recreational activity, improved environmental quality, etc. Different groups within the society are taken into consideration. The policy/proposal would ensure that new residential development is located in close proximity to a healthcare facility (e.g. within 800 m of a GP surgery or open space). The policy/proposal would reduce crime through design and other safety measures.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of the objective for health and wellbeing. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would reduce access to healthcare facilities and open space. The policy/proposal would deliver residential development in excess of 800 m from a GP surgery and/or open space. The policy/proposal would lead to an increase in reported crime and the fear of crime in the district. The policy/proposal would have effects which could cause deterioration of health.

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	• Will it reduce the fear of crime? • Will it promote design that discourages crime?		--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would result in the loss of healthcare facilities and open space without their replacement in suitable locations elsewhere within the Borough. The policy/proposal would lead to a significant increase in reported crime and the fear of crime. The policy/proposal would have significant effects which would cause deterioration of health within the community (i.e. increase in pollution)
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
5. To reduce the need to travel, promote more sustainable modes of transport and align investment in infrastructure with growth.	• Will it reduce travel demand and the distance people travel for jobs, employment, leisure and services and facilities? • Will it reduce out-commuting? • Will it encourage a shift to more sustainable modes of transport? • Will it encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport? • Will it help reduce traffic congestion? • Will it improve road safety and contribute towards a	• Access to bus stops; train stations and cycle routes. • People using car and non-car modes of travel to work • Development of transport infrastructure that assists car use reduction • Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) data on M65 and A58 • Office of Rail and Road (ORR) statistics on station usage	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would significantly reduce the need for travel, road traffic and congestion (e.g. new development is within 400 m walking distance of all transport services). The policy/proposal would create opportunities/incentives for the use of sustainable travel/transport of people/goods. The policy/proposal would significantly reduce out-commuting. The policy/proposal would support investment in transportation infrastructure and/or services.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would reduce the need for travel (e.g. new development is within 400m of one or more transport service). The policy/proposal would encourage the use of sustainable travel/transport of people/goods.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of the objective for supporting sustainable travel and infrastructure needs. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.

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	reduction in those killed and seriously injured (KSI)? • Will it deliver investment in transportation infrastructure that supports growth in the Pendle area?		-	Negative	The policy/proposal would increase the need for travel by less sustainable forms of transport, increasing road traffic and congestion. The policy/proposal would deliver new development in excess of 400 m from public transport services/cycle routes.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would significantly increase the need for travel by less sustainable forms of transport, substantially increasing road traffic and congestion. The policy/proposal would result in the loss of transportation infrastructure and/or services.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
6. To encourage the efficient use of land and conserve and enhance soils.	• Will it promote the use of previously developed (brownfield) land and minimise the loss of greenfield land? • Will it avoid the loss of agricultural land including best and most versatile land? • Will it reduce the amount of derelict, degraded and underused land? • Will it encourage the reuse of existing buildings and infrastructure? • Will it prevent land contamination and facilitate remediation of contaminated sites?	• No. and area of employment developments and housing developed on PDL per annum • Annual area of development on greenfield land (ha • Brownfield Land Register • Density of dwellings • Amount of potentially contaminating land uses (ha) situated within SPZs	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would encourage significant development on brownfield land. The policy/proposal would result in existing land / soil contamination being removed. The policy/proposal would protect best and most versatile agricultural land.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would encourage development on brownfield.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would result in development on greenfield or would create conflicts in land-use. The policy/proposal would result in the loss of agricultural land.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would result in the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land. The policy/proposal would result in land contamination.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.

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			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
7. To conserve and enhance water quality and resources.	• Will it reduce water pollution and improve ground and surface water quality? • Will it reduce water consumption and encourage water efficiency? • Will it ensure that new water/wastewater management infrastructure is delivered in a timely manner to support new development?	• Developments incorporating SUDS • Planning applications granted contrary to advice of EA • Biological/chemistry levels in rivers, canals and freshwater bodies • Waterbodies achieving Good or High Ecological Status/Potential under the Water Framework Directive classification of water quality • Developments incorporating water efficiency measures/technologies	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would lead to a significant reduction of wastewater, surface water runoff and pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater and/or surface water would be significantly improved and all water targets (including those relevant to biological and chemical quality) would be met/exceeded. The policy/proposal would lead to a significant reduction in the demand for water. The policy/proposal would support investment in water resources infrastructure.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would lead to a reduction of wastewater, surface water runoff and/or pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater or surface water would be improved and some water targets (including those relevant to biological and chemical quality) would be met/exceeded. The policy/proposal would lead to a reduction in the demand for water.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would lead to an increase in the amount of waste water, surface water runoff and pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater or surface water would be reduced. The policy/proposal would lead to an increase in the demand for water.

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			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would lead to a significant increase in the amount of wastewater, surface water runoff and pollutant discharge so that the quality of groundwater or surface water would be decreased and water targets would not be met. The policy/proposal would lead to deterioration of the current WFD classification. The policy/proposal would lead to a significant increase in the demand for water placing the North West and/or Humber Water Resources Zone in deficit over the lifetime of the respective Water Resources Management Plans. The policy/proposal would result in the capacity of existing wastewater management infrastructure being exceeded without appropriate mitigation.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
8. To reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, taking into account the effects of climate change.	• Will it help to minimise the risk of flooding to existing and new developments/infrastructure? • Will it manage effectively, and reduce the likelihood of, flash flooding, taking into account the capacity of sewerage systems? • Will it discourage inappropriate development in areas at risk from flooding?	• Developments incorporating SUDS • Planning applications granted contrary to advice of EA • Annual new and total developments located in flood zones 2 & 3 • Developments incorporating water efficiency measures/technologies	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would significantly reduce flood risk to new or existing infrastructure or communities (currently located within the 1 in 100 year floodplain).
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would reduce flood risk to new or existing infrastructure or communities (currently located 1 in 1000 year floodplain).
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective. It is anticipated that the policy will neither cause nor exacerbate flooding in the catchment.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would result in an increased flood risk within the 1 to 1000 year floodplain. The policy/proposal would result in development being located within Flood Zone 2.

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	• Will it ensure that new development does not give rise to flood risk elsewhere? • Will it deliver sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS) and promote investment in flood defences that reduce vulnerability to flooding?		--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would result in an increased flood risk within the 1 to 100 year floodplain. The policy/proposal would result in development being located within Flood Zone 3.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
9. To improve air quality.	• Will it maintain and improve air quality? • Will it address air quality issues in the Colne Air Quality Management Area and prevent new designations of Air Quality Management Areas? • Will it avoid locating development in areas of existing poor air quality? • Will it minimise emissions to air from new development?	• Development of transport infrastructure that assists car use reduction • AADTs on key routes in Borough • Number of new AQMAs • Level of NOx in AQMA and number of exceedances	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would significantly improve air quality and result in air quality targets being met/exceeded and the Colne Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) being removed (or the area under the AQMA being reduced).
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would improve air quality.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of the objective for air quality. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would lead to a decrease in air quality. The policy/proposal would result in new development being located within 500 m of the Colne AQMA.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would lead to a decrease in air quality and would result in the area of the Colne AQMA having to be extended or new AQMAs being declared. The policy/proposal would result in new development being located within the Colne AQMA.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.

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			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
10. To minimise greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.	• Will it minimise energy use and reduce or mitigate greenhouse gas emissions? • Will it plan or implement adaptation measures for the likely effects of climate change? • Will it support the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and reduce dependency on non-renewable sources? • Will it promote sustainable design that minimises greenhouse emissions and is adaptable to the effects of climate change?	• Carbon dioxide emissions (tonnes per capita per annum) • Energy consumed from renewable sources (MW) • Energy use (gas/electricity) by end user • Renewable energy capacity installed by type (MW)	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the Borough. The policy/proposal would significantly reduce energy consumption or increase the amount of renewable energy being used/generated.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the Borough. The policy/proposal would increase resilience/decrease vulnerability to climate change effects. The policy/proposal would reduce energy consumption or increase the amount of renewable energy being used/generated. The policy/proposal would support/encourage sustainable design.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			+/-	Positive and Negative	The policy/proposal would have positive and negative effects on the achievement of the objective for addressing and adapting to the effects of climate change. The effects would not necessarily offset one another.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would lead to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions from the Borough. The policy/proposal would not increase resilience/decrease vulnerability to climate change effects.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would lead to a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions from the Borough. The policy/proposal would increase vulnerability to climate change effects.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.

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11. To promote the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.	• Will it minimise the demand for raw materials? • Will it promote the use of local resources? • Will it reduce minerals extracted and imported? • Will it increase efficiency in the use of raw materials and promote recycling? • Will it avoid sterilising minerals? • Will it reduce waste arising? • Will it increase the reuse and recycling of waste? • Will it support investment in waste management facilities to meet local needs?	• Total amount of waste produced (tonnes) • Amount of residual household waste produced • Capacity of new waste management facilities as alternatives to landfill • % household waste composted, land filled, recycled, used to recover energy	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would reduce the amount of waste generated through prevention, minimisation and re-use. The policy/proposal would significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill through recycling and energy recovery. The policy/proposal would support/encourage investment in waste management facilities.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would reduce the amount of waste going to landfill through recycling and energy recovery. The policy/proposal would encourage the use of sustainable materials.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would result in an increased amount of waste going to landfill. The policy/proposal would increase the demand for local resources.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would result in a significantly increased amount of waste going to landfill. The policy/proposal would significantly increase the demand for local resources. The policy/proposal would result in inappropriate development within a Minerals Safeguarding Area.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.

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12. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and promote improvements to the green infrastructure network.	• Will it restore and enhance the international and nationally designated South Pennine Moors (designated as a Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area, and Site of Special Scientific Interest) including Peatland? • Will it conserve, restore and enhance Local Nature Reserves (LNR), Biological Heritage Sites (BHS) and Sites of Local Natural Importance (LNI)? • Will it support the implementation of Local Nature Recovery Networks? • Will it avoid damage to, and protect, geologically important sites – Local Geodiversity Sites (LGS)? • Will it conserve and enhance priority species and habitats? • Will it provide opportunities for new habitat creation or restoration and link existing habitats as part of the development process?	• Condition of designated SAC, SPA and SSSIs • Local/National nature reserves (ha/1000 population) • Local wildlife sites (BHS and LNI) with management plans • Woodland areas/new woodland (ha) • Local/National nature reserves (ha/1000 population) • Local wildlife sites (BHS and LNI) with management plans	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would have a positive effect on European or national designated sites, habitats or species (e.g. enhancing habitats, creating additional habitat or increasing protected species populations). The policy/proposal would create new habitat and link it with existing habitats or significantly improve existing habitats to support local biodiversity. The policy/proposal would have major positive effects on protected geologically important sites. The policy/proposal would significantly enhance Pendle's green infrastructure network.
			+	Positive	The policy/proposal would have a positive effect on sub-regional/local designated sites, habitats or species. The policy/proposal would improve existing habitats to support local biodiversity. The policy/proposal would have positive effects on protected geologically important sites. The policy/proposal would enhance Pendle's green infrastructure network.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would have negative effects on sub-regional or local designated sites, habitats or species (e.g. short term loss of habitats, loss of species and temporary effects on the functioning of ecosystems). The policy/proposal would lead to short-term disturbance of existing habitat but would not have long-term effects on local biodiversity. The policy/proposal would have minor negative effects on protected geologically important sites. The policy/proposal would adversely affect Pendle's green infrastructure network.

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	• Will it enhance ecological connectivity and maintain and improve the green infrastructure network? • Will it provide opportunities for people to access the natural environment?		--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would have negative effects on European or national designated sites, habitats and/or protected species (i.e. on the interest features and integrity of the site, by preventing any of the conservation objectives from being achieved or resulting in a long term decrease in the population of a priority species). These effects could not be reasonably mitigated. The policy/proposal would result in significant, long term negative effects on non-designated sites (e.g. through significant loss of habitat leading to a long term loss of ecosystem structure and function). The policy/proposal would have significant negative effects on protected geologically important sites. The policy/proposal would have a significant adverse effect on Pendle's green infrastructure network.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
13. To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting.	• Will it help to conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting? • Will it tackle heritage assets identified as being 'at risk'? • Will it promote local cultural distinctiveness? • Will it help to sustain and enhance historic buildings,	• Number of Listed Buildings (all grades) / number and percentage at risk (all grades) • Number of Scheduled Monuments/number and percentage at risk	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would conserve and enhance the sites, areas and features of historic, cultural, archaeological and architectural interest of designated and non-designated assets. The policy/proposal would make use of historic buildings, spaces and places through sensitive adaption and re-use allowing these distinctive assets and preventing them from falling into disrepair. The policy/proposal would improve the understanding of historic buildings, spaces and places. The policy/proposal would result in an assets(s) being removed from the At Risk Register.

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	places and spaces that contribute to local distinctiveness, character and appearance through sensitive adaptation and re-use? • Will it improve and promote access to buildings and landscapes of historic/cultural value?	• Number of conservation areas and percentage at risk • Percentage of conservation areas with up-to-date character appraisals • Consultation of the HER Register	+	Positive	The policy/proposal would conserve the setting, and features of historic, cultural, archaeological and architectural interest of designated and non-designated assets. The policy/proposal would improve the understanding of historic buildings, spaces and places helping to reveal its significance. The policy/proposal will increase access to historical/cultural/archaeological/architectural buildings/spaces/places.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would lead result in less than substantial harm to the setting, areas and/or features of historic, cultural, archaeological and architectural interest of designated and non-designated assets. The policy/proposal would temporarily restrict access to historical/cultural/archaeological/architectural buildings/spaces/places.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would lead result in substantial harm to the setting, areas and features of historic, cultural, archaeological and architectural interest of designated and non-designated assets engaging the public benefits test. The policy/proposal would permanently restrict access to historical/cultural/archaeological/architectural buildings/spaces/places. The policy/proposal would result in an asset being placed on the At Risk Register.
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.
14. To conserve and enhance landscape character and townscapes.	• Will it conserve and enhance the distinctive landscape character and townscapes of the Borough?	• Percentage of area covered with a landscape designation • Change in landscape character areas	++	Significant Positive	The policy/proposal would offer potential to significantly enhance landscape/townscape character. The policy/proposal would ensure the long term protection of the Green Belt. The policy/proposal would offer potential to significantly enhance the qualities of the AONB

SA Appendix 2: Definitions of Significance

	Guide Questions	Indicator	Effect	Description	Illustrative Guidance
	• Will it promote high quality design in context with its urban and rural landscape? • Will it avoid inappropriate development in the Green Belt and ensure the Green Belt endures? • Will it protect and improve the distinctive local character of the Borough • Will it help to conserve and enhance the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?	• Land area defined as Green Belt	+	Positive	The policy/proposal would offer potential to enhance landscape/townscape character.
			0	Neutral	The policy/proposal would not have any effect on the achievement of the objective.
			-	Negative	The policy/proposal would have an adverse effect on landscape/townscape character.
			--	Significant Negative	The policy/proposal would have a significant adverse effect on landscape/townscape character. The policy/proposal would result in inappropriate development in the Green Belt or affect the permanence of the Green Belt boundary. The policy/proposal would have a significant adverse impact on the qualities of the AONB
			~	No Relationship	There is no clear relationship between the policy/proposal and the achievement of the objective or the relationship is negligible.
			?	Uncertain	The policy/proposal has an uncertain relationship to the objective or the relationship is dependent on the way in which the aspect is managed. In addition, insufficient information may be available to enable an assessment to be made.