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Sustainability Appraisal Report

Annex 7: Sustainability Appraisal Matrices for Policy Options

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Delivering Growth and Sustainable Development policies (Chapter 4 in the Draft Local Plan)

Spatial Development Strategy

Two reasonable alternative options were identified in relation to the Spatial Development Strategy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Allocating development based on the size of settlements

RA2: Allocating development based on an area's character, its constraints and opportunities

SA Objectives	Spatial Development Strategy	RA1	RA2	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+?	+	?	<p>The likely effects of the Spatial Development Strategy are likely to be positive as settlement size will be taken into account as well as the character and constraints of an area when allocating development; therefore the majority of development is likely to be directed towards the larger towns where levels of access to jobs are likely to be better. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely for that option.</p> <p>Under RA1, most development (both housing and employment) would take place in larger towns such as Huddersfield and Dewsbury. Focussing employment development in those locations would have a positive effect on connecting local people with job opportunities as more people live in these larger towns and so would be easily able to access the jobs created, including people without cars. Locating most housing development at the larger towns would also have a positive effect on access to jobs as the new residents would be in closer proximity of both existing jobs which tend to be located in towns such as Huddersfield and Dewsbury as well as the new employment development which would also be focussed in those larger towns.</p> <p>Under RA2 development would be distributed on the basis of the characteristics and constraints of different parts of the district, rather than the size of a town or village. This approach could therefore result in housing and employment development being spread more widely throughout Kirklees. The effect of this approach on ensuring that people have access to jobs is uncertain as it will depend largely on which areas are assessed as being suitable for development, which is not known at this stage.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment,	0	0	0	All three options for the spatial development strategy would have a negligible effect on this objective as effects will depend on the amount of development (in particular employment land) that is delivered through the Local Plan, regardless of its spatial distribution.

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innovation and Entrepreneurship.				
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	?	+	?	The effects of the three options for the spatial development strategy on access to education will depend largely on factors such as whether additional school places are provided to accommodate population growth (wherever it takes place) in order to avoid existing schools being overloaded, which cannot be determined at this stage. While there may be more schools in close proximity where housing is developed in the larger towns and villages, the existing population in those areas is also larger so it cannot be assumed that schools would be more easily able to accommodate additional pupils. Therefore, the likely effects of all three options on this SA objective are largely uncertain. However, under RA1 it is most likely that people would live in closer proximity of schools and physical access may therefore be easier, particularly for people without a car. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely for that option.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	?	+	?	The effects of the three options for the spatial development strategy on access to health and social care will depend largely on factors such as whether healthcare facilities such as doctor's surgery places are provided to accommodate population growth (wherever it takes place) in order to avoid existing facilities being overloaded, which cannot be determined at this stage. While there may be more healthcare facilities in close proximity where housing is developed in the larger towns and villages, the existing population in those areas is also larger so it cannot be assumed that facilities would be more easily able to accommodate additional users. Therefore, the likely effects of all three options on this SA objective are largely uncertain. However, under RA1 it is most likely that people would live in closer proximity of healthcare facilities and physical access may therefore be easier, particularly for people without a car. It is also most likely that people would be able to undertake day to day journeys on foot or by bicycle, thus increasing overall levels of physical activity. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely for that option. The effects of RA2 and the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted on people's ability to use active modes of transport will depend largely on whether the constraints at each town or village result in development being directed towards larger towns, which cannot be determined at this stage.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding	?	-	?	Focussing most development in towns and larger villages could mean that there are more sensitive receptors in close proximity which may be affected by noise from

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noise and light pollution.				<p>new development, during the construction phase in particular. A potential minor negative effect is therefore identified for RA1 although this is uncertain depending on the exact location of development in relation to sensitive receptors.</p> <p>The effects of RA2 and the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted on this objective will depend largely on where the constraints/character considerations used to allocate development result in development being focussed, and its proximity to sensitive receptors (in particular how much development takes place at the larger towns as opposed to smaller villages).</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	?	+	-?	<p>Where development is focussed mainly in the larger towns such as Huddersfield and Dewsbury, access to services will be easier, particularly for people without a car. As well as services and facilities being generally closer, making walking and cycling to them possible, there are also good public transport links. A positive effect is therefore likely for SA objective 5 under RA1.</p> <p>Under RA2, more development may take place in the smaller towns and villages, depending on an assessment of character and constraints. While new residential development in smaller towns and villages may stimulate the provision of new services and facilities in those areas, the number and range of services and facilities in close proximity is likely to be generally lower. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>The effects of the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted are uncertain and will depend largely on how much development is focussed in larger towns and villages and how much is directed to smaller settlements as a result of concerns about character and other constraints.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	<p>The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within new development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the overall spatial distribution of development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for individual sites. Therefore, the likely effects of all three options are negligible.</p>
8. Protect and enhance existing and support	?	+	?	<p>The effects of all of the options for the spatial development strategy on this SA objective will depend largely on the proximity of new development sites to open</p>

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the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.				space, cycle paths and footpaths which can be used for recreation. This is largely uncertain at this stage although certain types of recreation facilities such as sports facilities may be more focussed in urban areas. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely for RA1 and an uncertain effect is identified for RA2 and the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	All three options for the spatial development strategy would have a negligible effect on this objective as effects will depend on the amount of housing development (in particular the amount of affordable housing) that is delivered through the Local Plan, not on its spatial distribution.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+?	+	+/-?	<p>Locating most housing and employment development in larger urban areas under RA1 is more likely to mean that residents and employees would be able to make use of a range of transport links including bus and train services, all of which would maximise access to key services, employment opportunities and amenities including for people without a car. Therefore, a positive effect on this objective is likely under approach 1.</p> <p>Under RA2, development allocations would be made on the basis of considerations other than settlement size; therefore development may be more widely distributed including at smaller towns and villages which may have less extensive public transport services, potentially resulting in a negative effect on this objective. However, if transport links are one of the issues taken into account when assessing the suitability of a town or village for development, there may be a positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effects of the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted are largely uncertain although may be positive as the size of settlement would still be taken into account to some extent when allocating development. As with RA2, if transport links are one of the factors guiding decisions about the allocation of development, further positive effects would occur.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+?	+?	?	<p>Focussing most development within larger towns such as Huddersfield (RA1) may provide more opportunities to locate development on brownfield land; therefore a positive effect is likely although this is minor and uncertain depending on the specific locations and availability of development sites.</p> <p>Under RA2, development is likely to be more widely distributed, including at smaller</p>

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				<p>towns and villages, as allocations would be based on factors other than settlement size. This could result in fewer opportunities to develop brownfield land although this is uncertain until the allocations and specific development sites are known.</p> <p>Under the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted, settlement size is one of the considerations that will determine allocations (along with other considerations); therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is again identified.</p>
<p>12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.</p>	+?	-?	++?	<p>RA1 involves allocating development purely on the basis of settlement size, with no consideration given to the particular characteristics of individual towns and villages. The effects of development will depend largely on its specific location and design which cannot be assessed at this stage; however the lack of consideration given to local character means that a potential negative effect on this objective is likely.</p> <p>Under RA2, allocations would be made entirely on the basis of local character and constraints which should have a significant positive effect on protecting and enhancing the character of the district. However, this is again uncertain depending on the specific location and design of the new development.</p> <p>The Spatial Development Strategy as drafted involves considering local character but also the size of settlements; therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is identified.</p>
<p>13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>	+?	+/-?	+?	<p>The effects of all three options for the spatial development strategy on the historic environment are largely uncertain at this stage as they will depend on the location of specific development sites in relation to heritage features such as listed buildings, which cannot be assessed at this stage.</p> <p>Under RA1 most development would take place in the larger towns. While focussing development in larger urban areas may help to enhance the setting of listed buildings and Conservation Areas for example (which tend to be more densely focussed in urban areas) through careful design, there is also the potential for new development to also negatively affect the historic environment. Therefore a mixed and uncertain effect on this SA objective is identified for RA1.</p> <p>Under RA2, local characteristics and constraints would be taken into account when allocating development, which is assumed to include the historic environment. A positive effect is therefore likely; however this is again uncertain depending on the specific location of development and the extent to which heritage considerations are</p>

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				<p>one of the factors taken into account when allocating development.</p> <p>Under the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted, constraints (assumed to include heritage features) would be taken into account but most development is still likely to be steered towards larger towns. A potential minor positive effect is therefore likely; however this is again uncertain depending on the specific location of development and the extent to which heritage considerations are taken into account when allocating development.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+?	+/-?	+?	<p>The effects of all three options for the spatial development strategy on biodiversity are largely uncertain at this stage as they will depend on the location of specific development sites in relation to areas of high biodiversity importance, which cannot be assessed at this stage.</p> <p>Under RA1 most development would be focussed in larger towns where it is less likely to disturb designated biodiversity sites. However, urban brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity. There is also the possibility of protecting biodiversity through the creation of biodiversity enhancements within new developments. A mixed and uncertain effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Under RA2, local characteristics and constraints would be taken into account when allocating development, which is assumed to include the location of valuable biodiversity. A positive effect is therefore likely; however this is again uncertain depending on the specific location of development and the extent to which biodiversity considerations are taken into account when allocating development.</p> <p>Under the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted, constraints (assumed to include biodiversity) would be taken into account but most development is still likely to be steered towards larger towns. A positive effect is therefore likely; however this is again uncertain depending on the specific location of development and the extent to which biodiversity considerations are taken into account when allocating development.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	<p>The effects of new development on levels of pollution will not be determined by its location. Effects of will depend on factors which cannot be determined at this strategic level of assessment. Therefore, a negligible effect is anticipated for all three options for the spatial development strategy.</p>

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16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+?	+?	+?	<p>Under RA1, most development would take place in the larger towns such as Huddersfield where there may be more opportunities to reuse existing brownfield sites, thereby avoiding the loss of impermeable surfaces. A minor positive effect is therefore likely although this is uncertain and will depend on the specific location of development in relation to high flood risk areas, as well as factors such as whether SuDS are used in new development.</p> <p>Under RA2, particular weight would be given to land use constraints when allocating development, which is assumed to include areas of flood risk. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely although this is again uncertain depending on the specific location of development in relation to high flood risk areas, as well as factors such as whether SuDS are used in new development.</p> <p>Under the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted, both settlement size and local constraints would be taken into account; therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is also likely under that approach.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	None of the three options for the spatial development strategy would have a direct effect on waste generation and levels of recycling, which would be influenced by factors other than the spatial distribution of development.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	The effects of new development on the efficient consumption of water, energy and raw materials will not be determined by its spatial distribution. Therefore, negligible effects are likely for all three options for the spatial development strategy.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+?	+	+/-?	<p>The effects of the options on this SA objective will depend largely on the design of new development and the incorporation of features such as renewable energy generation. However, effects will also be influenced by levels of emissions from transport.</p> <p>Locating most housing and employment development in larger urban areas under RA1 is more likely to mean that residents and employees would be able to make use of a range of transport links including bus and train services, all of which should reduce levels of car use. Therefore, a positive effect on this objective is likely under RA1.</p> <p>Under RA2, development allocations would be made on the basis of considerations other than settlement size; therefore development may be more widely distributed</p>

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				<p>including at smaller towns and villages which may have less extensive public transport services, potentially resulting in higher levels of car use and a negative effect on this SA objective. However, if transport links are one of the issues taken into account when assessing the suitability of a town or village for development, there may be a positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>The effects of the Spatial Development Strategy as drafted are largely uncertain although may be positive as the size of settlement would still be taken into account to some extent when allocating development. As for RA2, if transport links are one of the factors guiding decisions about the allocation of development, further positive effects would occur.</p>

DLP1: Presumption in favour of sustainable development

This is the model policy from the NPPF and no reasonable alternative options have been identified.

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1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the provision of quality employment opportunities. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with economic growth. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the provision of good education and training opportunities. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
4. Improve the health of local	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure

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people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.		development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the improvement of health and wellbeing. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the protection of local amenity. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the retention and enhancement of local services and facilities. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with improved safety and security. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the provision of access to recreation facilities and open space. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the provision of good quality housing for all. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover

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people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.		issues associated with access to sustainable and active modes of transport. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with efficient land use. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the preservation and enhancement of the landscape and townscape in the District. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and geodiversity. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with reducing air, water and soil pollution. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
16. Prevent inappropriate new	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure

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development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.		development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with effective flood management. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees which is assumed to cover issues associated with the reduction of waste arisings and increased re-use and recycling rates. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the efficient use of natural resources. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	The draft policy reflects the NPPF's presumption in favour of sustainable development, and seeks to secure development that improves the social, economic and environmental conditions in Kirklees, which is assumed to cover issues associated with the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and responding to climate change. The draft policy also requires that planning applications are in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan and where relevant neighbourhood plans, with consideration for other material considerations. Therefore a positive effect can be expected for this SA objective, although the general nature of the draft policy suggests that the effect is likely to be minor.

DLP2: Location of new development

No reasonable alternative options have been identified in relation to this draft policy.

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1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++?	This draft policy is likely to have a significant positive effect on ensuring that people have access to employment opportunities as it steers most new development, including employment development, to urban areas where sustainable transport links should be good. This will particularly help people without a car to access jobs. However, there is some uncertainty attached to the positive score as the policy allows for employment development outside of urban areas where it would contribute to meeting economic objectives – this may result in it being less accessible for some people although this would depend on factors such as the existing and potential future public transport links at sites outside of the urban areas. Steering most retail, leisure and office developments to town centres will also help

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		to ensure that most people have access to the associated job opportunities. In addition, the scale of development will reflect the need to provide for new jobs, and delivering the job requirements set out in the Local Plan will be a key consideration.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	This policy seeks to ensure that employment development takes place to meet local jobs requirements, which will have a positive effect on the local economy. The policy seeks to meet the requirements of national policy to maintain a supply of specific deliverable development sites (including sites for employment land). A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	Focussing most development in urban areas will help to ensure that people have good access to schools, which are more densely concentrated in those areas. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	Focussing most development in urban areas will help to provide opportunities for people to walk and cycle day to day as journey times between homes, jobs and services are likely to be shorter. People will also have better access to healthcare facilities which are more concentrated in urban areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+/-	Focussing most development in urban areas could mean that more people are likely to be exposed to noise and disturbance from new development nearby; however it will also help to prevent disturbance in rural areas. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	Focussing most new housing development in urban areas will help to ensure that people are more easily able to access the services and facilities that tend to be focussed in those locations. The policy also seeks to ensure that developments in the Borough's settlements meet the needs of the local community and will help to create a balanced community – this may include the provision of services and facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	This policy will not have a direct effect on crime and safety.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	Most new cultural and tourist facilities (which may include open space or recreation-related facilities) are to be located in urban areas which will ensure that they are accessible for most people. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	This draft policy states that the scale of development will reflect the need to provide for new homes, and delivering the housing requirements set out in the Local Plan will be a key consideration. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	Focussing most development in urban areas will help to reduce reliance on cars and increase sustainable transport use as sustainable transport links in those areas will be better than in rural areas. Focussing employment development in urban areas will help to ensure that people are more easily able to travel to and from work without using a car. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent	+	Directing most development to urban areas should mean that there are good opportunities to make use of

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use of land.		brownfield sites. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	Directing most development to urban areas will help to preserve landscape character in more rural areas of the District including around the Peak District National Park in the south west. Therefore, a minor positive effect on this objective is likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	Focussing most development in urban areas may mean that there is an increased likelihood of impacts on listed buildings etc. which are most densely concentrated in built up areas. However, the potential minor negative effect is uncertain as effects will depend on the proximity of developments to assets and the design and layout of the development.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	Focussing most development in urban areas may help to steer new development away from sensitive habitats and species in rural areas; however urban areas can still harbour valuable biodiversity. Effects on this objective are therefore determined by the specific locations of developments rather than the broad locations of development.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	Focussing most development in urban areas will help to reduce reliance on cars and increase sustainable transport use, thereby reducing the level of air pollution from vehicles. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+?	Focussing most development in urban areas could mean that there are better opportunities to make use of brownfield land, thereby reducing the loss of permeable surfaces which could otherwise increase flood risk. However, the effects on this objective will depend largely on which urban areas development is directed to and the proximity of developments to areas of high flood risk. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The draft policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The draft policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	Focussing most development in urban areas will help to reduce reliance on cars and increase sustainable transport use, thereby reducing the level of greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

DLP3: Providing infrastructure

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing.

RA2: To include more prescriptive requirements and standards within this policy.

SA Objectives	DLP3	RA 1	RA 2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++	+/-	+/-	The Draft Policy would ensure that infrastructure is provided to support economic development and the development of new employment sites in the District. This approach would also result in the provision of transport infrastructure which may help residents to access employment sites in Kirklees. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this

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				<p>SA objective in relation to the Draft Local Plan policy.</p> <p>RA1 would not provide a framework for the provision of infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure by developers. While this approach may encourage developers to come forward with employment-related development proposals in the immediate short term, given the reduced costs associated as a result of a lack of infrastructure related requirements, this approach could result in developments not having the appropriate supporting infrastructure such as transport links. This would be detrimental to residents wishing to access jobs and also to employers in the long term given that required infrastructure would not be in place for future developments. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective if RA1 were to be taken forward.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within this policy. This approach would be less flexible than the Draft Policy and levels of contributions that may be considered financially viable at the start of start of the plan period may change over time. The inflexibility of the approach could result in an inappropriate response to viability over the Plan period and potentially hinder the provision of employment opportunities or the supporting infrastructure. However, it may have positive effects as it could have stronger effects in terms of ensuring that contributions are made to meet needs for infrastructure. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
<p>2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.</p>	<p>++</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p>+/-</p>	<p>The Draft Policy would result in the provision of appropriate infrastructure to support economic development in the District. This approach would also result in the provision of transport infrastructure which would support forthcoming economic development in Kirklees and make it more attractive to developers in the long term. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of the Draft policy.</p> <p>RA1 would not provide a framework for the provision of infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure by developers. While this approach may encourage developers to come forward with commercial development proposals in the immediate short term, given the reduced costs associated as a result of a lack of infrastructure related requirements, this approach could result in developments not having the appropriate supporting infrastructure such as transport links. This would be detrimental to the economy of Kirklees in the long term given that infrastructure required to attract new business to the area would not be provided in many instances. Overall a mixed effect (minor positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective if RA1 were to be taken forward.</p> <p>The second reasonable alternative approach (RA2) would result in more prescriptive</p>

SA Objectives	DLP3	RA 1	RA 2	Justification
				requirements and standards being set out within this policy. This approach would be less flexible than the Draft Policy and levels of contributions that may be considered financially viable at the start of start of the plan period may change over time. The inflexibility of the approach could result in an inappropriate response to viability over the Plan period and potentially hinder the provision of infrastructure required to make the Borough attractive to those considering business related development proposals. However, it would help to ensure that contributions are made to infrastructure. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development in Kirklees. This is likely to include education facilities, which will help to avoid existing schools becoming overloaded as a result of the population growth that will result from the Local Plan. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that new schools or school places would be provided to support the population growth that will result from other Local Plan policies and there may be more chance that existing schools would become overloaded. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new schools and school places may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy. It is also recognised that other policies in the Local Plan relating to community services and facilities (including education facilities) would still apply to new developments.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that schools and school places are provided to help manage the potential increase in demand that is likely to result from the new development proposed in the Local Plan. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development in Kirklees. This is likely to include healthcare facilities, which will help to avoid existing facilities becoming overloaded as a result of the population growth that will result from the Local Plan. It is also likely to include walking and cycle routes and open space which could help to encourage and facilitate healthier and more active lifestyles. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>

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				<p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that healthcare facilities would be provided to support the population growth that will result from other Local Plan policies and there may be more chance that facilities would become overloaded. There is also less chance that people would be encouraged to walk and cycle and participate in active outdoor recreation as a result of the provision of new walking and cycle routes and open space. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new healthcare facilities, open space and walking and cycle routes may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy. It is also recognised that other policies in the Local Plan relating to community services and facilities (including healthcare facilities) would still apply to new developments.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that healthcare facilities are provided to help manage the potential increase in demand that is likely to result from the new development proposed in the Local Plan. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development in Kirklees. This is likely to include community services and facilities, which will help to avoid existing services and facilities becoming overloaded as a result of the population growth that will result from the Local Plan. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that community services and facilities would be provided to support the population growth that will result from other Local Plan policies and there may be more chance that existing services and facilities would become overloaded. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new services and facilities may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy. It is also recognised that other policies in the Local Plan relating to community services and facilities would still apply to new developments.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP3	RA 1	RA 2	Justification
				RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that community services and facilities are provided to help manage the potential increase in demand that is likely to result from the new development proposed in the Local Plan. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development in Kirklees. This is likely to include open space, sports and recreation facilities, which will help to avoid existing facilities becoming overloaded as a result of the population growth that will result from the Local Plan. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that sports and recreation-related infrastructure would be provided to support the population growth that will result from other Local Plan policies and there may be more chance that existing facilities would become overloaded. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new recreation-related infrastructure may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy. It is also recognised that other policies in the Local Plan relating to open space and sports facilities provision would still apply to new developments.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that recreation-related infrastructure is provided to help manage the potential increase in demand that is likely to result from the new development proposed in the Local Plan. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	+	?	The Draft Policy would require infrastructure or associated financial contributions be provided to support new development in Kirklees. Although the provision of this infrastructure could potentially increase the profitability of residential developments, the policy requires that the

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				<p>infrastructure requirements do not compromise the financial viability of the development. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. This approach could have a positive effect on the profitability of residential developments in Kirklees and therefore have a minor positive effect on ensuring that housing development is provided to meet local needs.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. The specific requirements of the policy are not known at this stage and therefore neither is the potential for the policy to affect the financial viability of residential developments. Therefore, an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development. This is likely to include sustainable transport infrastructure which would help to avoid a significant increase in car use as a result of the growth proposed in Kirklees. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that sustainable transport infrastructure would be provided to support the development proposed through other Local Plan policies and there may be higher levels of car use and increased pressure on existing public transport services, hindering their usefulness. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new infrastructure may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that sustainable transport infrastructure is provided to meet the needs of the growing population. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP3	RA 1	RA 2	Justification
of the landscape and townscape.				
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development in the Borough. This is likely to include sustainable transport infrastructure which would help to avoid a significant increase in car use and the associated emissions as a result of the growth proposed in Kirklees. It is also likely to include water treatment infrastructure which will help to avoid adverse impacts on water quality. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that sustainable transport infrastructure and sewage treatment infrastructure would be provided to support the development proposed through other Local Plan policies and there may be higher levels of car use and the associated air pollution as well as more chance of adverse impacts on water quality. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new transport and water treatment infrastructure may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that sustainable transport and water treatment infrastructure is provided to meet the needs of the growing population. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	++	-?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development in Kirklees. This is likely to include infrastructure relating to flood risk management including flood defences, which will help to avoid an increase in flood risk resulting from the new development proposed through the Local Plan. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions</p>

SA Objectives	DLP3	RA 1	RA 2	Justification
				<p>towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. As such, there is less certainty that flood risk management infrastructure would be provided to support the development proposed through other Local Plan policies and there may be more chance that levels of flood risk would increase as a result of the new development. A potential minor negative effect on this objective is therefore identified although this is uncertain as new flood risk management infrastructure may still be provided without the framework set out in the draft policy. It is also recognised that other policies in the Local Plan relating to flood risk management would still apply to new developments.</p> <p>RA2 would involve more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan policy. As with the draft policy, this approach would have a positive effect as it would help to ensure that flood risk management infrastructure is provided to help manage the potential increase in flood risk that could otherwise result in the new development proposed in the Local Plan. However, the lack of flexibility means that it would not be possible to respond to changing circumstances in terms of the level of provisions that are considered financially viable. Overall a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore expected on this SA objective as a result of RA2.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP3	RA 1	RA 2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	-?	+?	<p>The Draft Policy would require the provision of infrastructure to support new development. This may include public transport infrastructure and new community services and community facilities which may result in a reduced need for people to travel by car. A minor positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a Local Plan policy that requires infrastructure or contributions towards infrastructure be provided as part of development proposals. This approach would place less demand on developers to provide infrastructure to support new development and therefore opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by improving public transport links or reducing journey lengths would be lost. A minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The score is recorded as uncertain given that public transport services and required community services may still be provided in the absence of developer contributions.</p> <p>RA2 would result in more prescriptive requirements and standards being set out within the Local Plan in relation to infrastructure delivery. This approach may have the same effect as the Draft Policy in terms of delivering sustainable transport infrastructure and new services and facilities which may help to reduce car use and the associated emissions. A positive effect is therefore likely although this is uncertain given that the specific requirements of the policy are unknown at this stage. It is also recognised that the lack of flexibility in the policy to adapt for changing circumstances may hinder the delivery of infrastructure in the future.</p>

DLP4: Masterplanning sites

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA 1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP4	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	DLP4 would have a positive effect on enabling people to access jobs as it requires developments (through Masterplanning) to reduce the need for car use, encourage sustainable transport use and make provision for public transport, walking and cycle routes. These measures would be required in developments that incorporate employment, so should help ensure that people (including those without a car) can access jobs. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	0	DLP4 may have an indirect minor positive effect on encouraging inward investment in Kirklees as it would help to ensure that new sites are built to high standards of design and are well-connected via sustainable transport. This may encourage companies to locate in Kirklees. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	0	DLP4 requires developments to include facilities to serve the growing population, including schools; therefore a minor positive effect is likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	DLP4 requires developments to include facilities to serve the growing population, including healthcare facilities. It also requires developments to incorporate walking and cycle paths which should help people to use those active modes of travel; therefore a minor positive effect is likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither DLP4 nor the reasonable alternative approach would have a direct effect on amenity.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	DLP4 requires developments to include facilities to serve the growing population. It also requires developments to incorporate sustainable transport links which will help to ensure that people including those without a car, have access to services and facilities further afield. A minor positive effect is

SA Objectives	DLP4	RA1	Justification
			therefore likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither DLP4 nor the reasonable alternative approach would have a direct effect on amenity.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	0	DLP4 requires developments to include facilities to serve the growing population, including community halls (which may serve a recreational/cultural purpose) and open space, walking and cycle routes which may be used for recreational purposes. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	0	DLP4 requires development sites to provide a mix of housing that meets a range of needs. The requirements for Masterplanning of development sites should ensure that they are high quality and the housing is therefore 'decent'. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	0	DLP4 requires sites to incorporate sustainable transport links, walking and cycle routes. In addition, providing services and facilities as part of the development will help to reduce the need for people to travel further afield for schools, healthcare etc. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither DLP4 nor the reasonable alternative approach would have a direct effect on amenity.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	DLP4 includes a number of measures seeking to ensure that new development makes a positive contribution to the character and distinctiveness of the surrounding area. High standards of design must be used, respecting the character of the landscape, and accessible open space should be provided as part of the development which will help to ensure that it's appearance is of high quality. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.

SA Objectives	DLP4	RA1	Justification
			RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	0	<p>DLP4 requires high standards of design to be used in developments, respecting local heritage. It should demonstrate a good understanding of and respect for heritage assets and their setting both within the site and the wider locality. This refers to both designated and undesignated assets, and Masterplans should include details of how heritage assets will be conserved and enhanced. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	0	<p>DLP4 requires developments to demonstrate a good understanding of and respect for the natural environment (taken to cover biodiversity and geodiversity). The measures in the policy seeking to mitigate flood risk will help to avoid the potential negative effects of flooding on the natural environment and the requirements for open space to be incorporated will help to provide habitat and avoid fragmentation. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+		<p>DLP4 requires the timely delivery of infrastructure into developments, including sewage connections, which will help to avoid existing infrastructure becoming overloaded and potential impacts on the water environment. The measures seeking to incorporate sustainable transport links will also help to reduce emissions from traffic. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk Ofor existing property and people.	+	0	<p>The requirement for open space to be incorporated into developments will help to ensure that permeable surfaces remain, to assist with infiltration and reduce the risk of surface water flooding. The policy also specifically requires appropriate measures to mitigate flood risk to be included in Masterplans. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use,	0	0	Neither DLP4 nor the reasonable alternative approach would have a direct effect on amenity.

SA Objectives	DLP4	RA1	Justification
recovery and recycling of waste close to source.			
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	+	0	<p>The requirement in DLP4 for Masterplans to assess the potential for energy efficient design including renewable energy schemes will have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	++	0	<p>DLP4 requires sites to incorporate sustainable transport links, walking and cycle routes. In addition, providing services and facilities as part of the development will help to reduce the need for people to travel further afield for schools, healthcare etc. This will help to reduce emissions from vehicles. The requirement for Masterplans to assess the potential for energy efficient design including renewable energy schemes will also help to address emissions from built development and the impacts of increased demand for energy. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Masterplanning sites. While the measures in DLP4 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies applying to all developments would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>

DLP5: Safeguarded land (land to be safeguarded for potential future development)

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA 1: Allow flexibility within the Local Plan by allowing some safeguarded land to be brought forward within the Plan period as a contingency.

Sites that are safeguarded under this policy for residential use comprise site options that were considered for allocation in the Local Plan and were subject to SA as reasonable options, but were not taken forward as allocations in the Draft Local Plan. Therefore, the **safeguarded sites** have all been subject to SA individually as potential housing site options. The SA matrices for those sites can be found in **Annex 1** along with an audit trail to show how the safeguarded site codes equate to the codes used earlier for the sites as reasonable residential options.

SA Objectives	DLP5	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++?	--/+	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future employment development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This would have a significant positive effect on ensuring the long-term availability of land to meet local employment needs. However, there is some uncertainty attached because there may not be flexibility if the allocated employment sites do not come forward and the safeguarded land is not available for development in place of those sites.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for employment use within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on</p>

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			allocated sites. While this could have a significant positive effect in relation to ensuring that land is available for employment, it may not be the most appropriate and accessible sites as these sites will be the ones that are allocated in the Local Plan. A potential mixed effect is therefore identified.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++?	--/+	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future employment development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This would have a significant positive effect on ensuring the long-term availability of land to support economic growth. However, there is some uncertainty attached because there may not be flexibility if the allocated employment sites do not come forward and the safeguarded land is not available for development in place of those sites.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for employment use within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. While this could have a significant positive effect in relation to ensuring that land is available to support economic growth, it may not be the most appropriate land as these sites will be the ones that are allocated in the Local Plan. A potential mixed effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of providing good access to education and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their impacts on health and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	-?	DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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			RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their effects on amenity and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	-?	DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of providing good access to services and facilities and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	-?	DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of providing good access to recreational and cultural facilities and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++?	--/+	DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This would have a significant positive effect on ensuring the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs. However, there is some uncertainty attached because there may not be flexibility if the allocated housing sites do not come forward and the safeguarded land is not available for development in place of those sites. RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. While this could have a significant positive effect in relation to ensuring that land is available for

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			housing, it may not be the most appropriate land as these sites will be the ones that are allocated in the Local Plan. A potential mixed effect is therefore identified.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of providing good opportunities for using sustainable transport and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of ensuring the efficient use of land and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their impacts on the landscape and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being</p>

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			developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their impacts on the historic environment and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their impacts on air, water and soil quality and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	-?	<p>DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of their impacts on flood risk and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	-?	DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet

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			local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of waste generation and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	-?	DLP5 involves safeguarding land for potential future housing development over the long-term, i.e. beyond the Local Plan period. This approach seeks to ensure the long-term availability of land to meet local housing needs and would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. RA1 would involve taking a more flexible approach, with some safeguarded sites potentially being developed for housing within the Local Plan period, if development does not come forward on allocated sites. This could undermine the delivery of allocated sites which have been found to be those that are most appropriate for development. Therefore, development may come forward on sites that are not the most appropriate sites available in terms of the opportunities that they provide to mitigate climate change and there may be a minor negative effect on this SA objective.

DLP6: Efficient and effective use of land and buildings

Four reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: Set a higher density target.

RA3: Set a lower density target.

RA4: Set a minimum target for the amount of development that takes place on brownfield land.

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1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct

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available to all.						effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	+?	+/-?	+/-?	0	<p>DLP6 permits lower housing densities than the standard level, where a higher density would compromise the viability of the development or in order to provide particular types of housing to meet peoples' needs – this is likely to have a positive effect on housing delivery. It also explicitly supports bringing empty properties back into reuse. A significant positive effect is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p> <p>RA2 would involve setting a higher density target than that set out in DLP6. This could result in more homes being delivered within a site, although depending on how high the density is, the quality may be compromised. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely although this is uncertain depending on how high the density target eventually is.</p> <p>Conversely, RA3 would involve setting a lower density target which could result in the</p>

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						<p>delivery of fewer homes, but the quality of the homes is less likely to be compromised as a result of the development being too high density. Therefore, a mixed (minor positive and minor negative effect) is again likely although this is again uncertain depending on how low the density target eventually is.</p> <p>RA4 would involve setting a minimum target for the amount of housing to take place on brownfield land. This approach is not likely to have a direct effect on the amount of housing provided or its quality.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	0	0	0	0	<p>DLP6 seeks higher housing densities where sites are close to public transport interchanges – this will help to ensure that as many people as possible live close to these connections and can make use of sustainable transport day to day; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that national policy in the NPPF would still apply in relation to prioritising the use of brownfield land; however this does not include the part of DLP6 relating to higher housing densities in proximity of sustainable transport links. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Negligible effects are also likely for RA2 and RA3 as the density threshold that is set would not affect the extent to which sustainable transport is used. Neither would RA4 (setting a minimum target for brownfield development); therefore negligible effects are likely for all three options.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	++	+?	++?	+?	++?	<p>The primary purpose of policy DLP6 is to ensure the efficient use of land. It requires development proposals to give priority to previously developed land and existing buildings and seeks to bring empty properties back into reuse. Only exceptional use should be made of high quality agricultural land, which will help to conserve this resource within Kirklees. Housing densities should ensure the efficient use of land. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p> <p>Setting a higher density target than that set out in the Draft Policy under RA2 is likely to</p>

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						<p>have a significant positive effect on the efficient use of land as this would help to maximise the amount of development coming forward on individual sites, reducing demand for new development sites. However, this is to some extent uncertain as it is not yet known how high the target might be.</p> <p>Setting a lower density target is likely to mean that a minor rather than significant positive effect is identified, as while development would still be steered to brownfield sites, the reduction in demand for development land would not be as great as under DLP6 or RA2. However, this is again uncertain depending on how low the target would eventually be.</p> <p>Setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land (RA4) is likely to have a significant positive effect on the efficient use of land as this could provide more weight to the policy approach in DLP6 of favouring brownfield sites. However, this is uncertain depending on what the target is, and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	+?	-?	+?	+++	<p>DLP6 includes provisions for flexibility in the density of housing developments where lower densities are required to ensure that the development is compatible with its surroundings. In addition, focussing development on brownfield sites where possible should help to conserve local character by avoiding development on greenfield land and by potentially bringing derelict or unattractive sites and buildings back into reuse through high quality new development. This will also benefit the townscape. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p> <p>Higher density developments (RA2) could be less attractive and therefore have a minor negative effect on the landscape and townscape although this is uncertain depending on what the target is and how high it is. Conversely, lower density developments (RA3) could be more attractive and have a minor positive effect, but this is again uncertain depending on how low the target is.</p>

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						Setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land (RA4) is likely to have a significant positive effect on the landscape/townscape as this could provide even more weight to the policy approach in DLP6 of favouring brownfield sites and so may offer particularly good opportunities for redeveloping derelict sites and replacing them with high quality new development. There would also be less development on greenfield sites which could be more likely to affect the appearance of the landscape. However, this is uncertain depending on what the target is, and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	+?	0	0	+?	<p>DLP6 directs development to brownfield sites over greenfield sites where possible, which may help to avoid habitat loss through the development of greenfield sites. While brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity, this is recognised in the policy which states that development will only be directed to brownfield sites as the first priority where they are not of high environmental value. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p> <p>RA2 and RA3 relate to density targets that could be included in the policy, which would not affect the use of brownfield sites and impacts on biodiversity; therefore negligible effects are likely for both options.</p> <p>RA4 would involve setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land – this is likely to go even further than DLP6 in terms of encouraging development on brownfield sites and therefore opportunities for avoiding habitat loss may be greater. However, the target is not yet known and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites. It is also recognised that brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil	+	+?	0	0	+++	The policy approach set out in DLP6 may have a positive effect in relation to pollution as

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pollution.						<p>directing new development to contaminated sites over greenfield land may help to remediate such land. In addition, DLP6 seeks higher housing densities where sites are close to public transport interchanges – this will help to ensure that as many people as possible live close to these connections and can make use of sustainable transport day to day; therefore a minor positive effect is also likely in terms of reducing air pollution.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely in relation to avoiding soil pollution although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6. However, the potential positive effect in relation to air pollution would not occur as the detail within DLP6 in relation to higher housing densities in close proximity of sustainable transport nodes would not apply.</p> <p>RA2 and RA3 relate to density targets that could be included in the policy, which would not affect the potential for the remediation of contaminated land or proximity to sustainable transport links; therefore negligible effects are likely for both options.</p> <p>RA4 would involve setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land – this is likely to have a significant positive effect as it would go even further than DLP6 in terms of encouraging development on brownfield sites and therefore opportunities for remediating contaminated land may be greater. However, this is uncertain depending on what the target is, and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	+?	0	0	++?	<p>DLP6 directs development to brownfield sites in favour of greenfield land, which may have a positive effect on reducing flood risk by avoiding the loss of impermeable surfaces which could otherwise reduce infiltration.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p>

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						<p>RA2 and RA3 relate to density targets that could be included in the policy, which would not affect the use of brownfield sites and the associated impacts on infiltration and flood risk management; therefore negligible effects are likely for both options.</p> <p>RA4 would involve setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land – this is likely to have a significant positive effect as it would go even further than DLP6 in terms of encouraging development on brownfield sites and therefore opportunities for mitigating flood risk may be greater. However, this is uncertain depending on what the target is, and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	+?	0	0	++?	<p>DLP6 directs development to brownfield sites in favour of greenfield land, which may have a positive effect in terms of providing opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials onsite.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p> <p>RA2 and RA3 relate to density targets that could be included in the policy, which would not affect the use of brownfield sites and levels of materials reuse; therefore negligible effects are likely for both options.</p> <p>RA4 would involve setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land – this is likely to have a significant positive effect as it would go even further than DLP6 in terms of encouraging development on brownfield sites and therefore opportunities for reusing existing building materials may be greater. However, this is uncertain depending on what the target is, and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites.</p>

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18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	+	+?	0	0	++?	<p>DLP6 directs development to brownfield sites in favour of greenfield land, which may have a positive effect in terms of providing opportunities to reuse existing buildings and materials onsite, thereby reducing mineral consumption.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the reuse of brownfield land; however the NPPF would still apply, which includes very similar wording to DLP6. It encourages the effective use of land by reusing land that has been previously developed (brownfield land), provided that it is not of high environmental value. A potential minor positive effect is therefore still likely although there is less certainty without the additional detail included in DLP6.</p> <p>RA2 and RA3 relate to density targets that could be included in the policy, which would not affect the use of brownfield sites and levels of minerals reuse/consumption; therefore negligible effects are likely for both options.</p> <p>RA4 would involve setting a minimum target for development on brownfield land – this is likely to have a significant positive effect as it would go even further than DLP6 in terms of encouraging development on brownfield sites and therefore opportunities for reusing existing building materials and reducing demand for minerals may be greater. However, this is uncertain depending on what the target is, and it is noted that achieving such a target would depend on the availability of brownfield sites.</p>
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	0	0	0	<p>DLP6 seeks higher housing densities where sites are close to public transport interchanges – this will help to ensure that as many people as possible live close to these connections and can make use of sustainable transport day to day, thereby reducing emissions from car use and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that national policy in the NPPF would still apply in relation to prioritising the use of brownfield land; however this does not include the part of DLP6 relating to higher housing densities in proximity of sustainable transport links. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Negligible effects are also likely for RA2 and RA3 as the density threshold that is set would not affect the extent to which sustainable transport is used. Neither would RA4 (setting a minimum target for brownfield development); therefore negligible effects are likely for all three options.</p>

Place Shaping policies (Chapter 5 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP7: Place Shaping

No reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy.

SA Objectives	DLP7	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	The draft policy states that development proposals will be required to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices, as well as opportunities to meet local employment requirements. This will help to ensure that jobs are provided in locations that people will be able to access, including those without access to a car. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	The measures in this draft policy will combine to increase the attractiveness of the towns and other areas of Kirklees, which will help to encourage investment in those areas. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	The draft policy states that development proposals will be required to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices, as well as accessibility to local services (taken to include schools). This will help to ensure that housing is provided in locations where people will be easily able to access schools, including those without access to a car. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	The draft policy states that development proposals will be required to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices, as well as accessibility to local services (taken to include healthcare facilities such as GPs). This will help to ensure that housing is provided in locations where people will be easily able to access these facilities, including those without access to a car. The measures in the policy which aim to reduce car dominance and create shared spaces on streets may help to encourage walking and cycling which would have further benefits for health. It also aims to 'design in health'. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	The draft policy states that development proposals will be required to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices, as well as accessibility to local services. This will help to ensure that housing is provided in locations where people will be easily able to access services and facilities, including those without access to a car. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	This draft policy seeks to create safe places through appropriate design; therefore a minor positive effect on this objective is likely.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	Although this policy will not affect the amount of housing to be delivered in Kirklees, the measures set out in this policy should help to ensure that new housing developments are of high quality; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	The draft policy requires developments to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices. It seeks to ensure that people have access to a range of transport choices, to reduce car dominance and create shared street spaces. The policy also requires developments to address the challenges that have been identified for the various sub-areas within Kirklees, a number of which relate to traffic congestion. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	The primary purpose of this draft policy is to achieve high quality new developments which are integrated appropriately into their surroundings, enhance sense of place and work with the landscape and existing built form. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	While this draft policy doesn't make specific reference to the historic environment, an indirect minor positive effect may occur as the measures aiming to achieve high quality design, with new developments appropriately integrated into their surroundings, should help to avoid negative effects on heritage features and their settings as a result of new development.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	The draft policy requires developments to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices. It seeks to ensure that people have access to a range of transport choices, to reduce car dominance and create shared street spaces. These measures will help to reduce air pollution from vehicle traffic and a minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP7	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The draft policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	The draft policy requires developments to take account of connectivity and sustainable transport choices. It seeks to ensure that people have access to a range of transport choices, to reduce car dominance and create shared street spaces. These measures will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic and a minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.

Economy policies (Chapter 6 in the Draft Local Plan)

Quantum of employment options

Two reasonable alternative options were identified in relation to the employment provision figure for Kirklees of **32,194 jobs** over the Plan period from 2013-2031, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Make provision for the lowest employment growth scenario – the Jobs-led A – Trend Employment Rate – SENS1, which equates to **19,326 jobs** from 2013-2031.

RA2: Make provision for the highest employment growth scenario – the Jobs-led D – 80% Employment Rate, which equates to **43,722 jobs** from 2013-2031.

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1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	-	++	<p>Provision of additional employment within the District will have a direct positive effect on increasing the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people. However, if sufficient housing growth is not also provided then there could be an imbalance between jobs and homes, leading to either new residents having to commute out of the District for work or people outside of the District coming into Kirklees to work. The employment growth options themselves will not have a direct effect on ensuring that employment opportunities are accessible as that will depend on the distribution and locations of new housing and employment sites which have been assessed under other policies.</p> <p>The option in the Local Plan of making provision for 32,194 jobs over the plan period is higher than the minimum employment growth scenario, and is therefore likely to have a positive effect on increasing employment opportunities in the District. The level of housing provision selected for the Local Plan has been adjusted for jobs growth, therefore this option is likely to have a positive effect on balancing housing provision and employment opportunities in the District, and supporting economic growth, which could also reduce levels of out-commuting. A likely minor positive effect is likely for this option over the short, medium term, and long-term.</p>

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				<p>The level of employment growth proposed under RA1 may not be high enough to support economic growth in the District and the level of housing proposed in the Local Plan. This option could therefore have a negative effect on improving the number of available jobs in the District. It may also mean that opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the District are lost. A likely minor negative effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>RA2 involves taking forward an employment provision figure for Kirklees which is at the highest end of the economic scenarios considered, reflecting the highest employment rate of 80%. The level of employment growth proposed under this option should therefore be high enough to support economic growth in the District. This approach could therefore have a significant positive effect on improving the number of available jobs in the District, and supporting economic growth. It is particularly likely to mean that levels of out-commuting from the District could be reduced. A likely significant positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	++	++	Each of these options for growth would stimulate the construction market and provide employment opportunities and investment in the District during construction of additional employment premises, as well as through the provision of new employment facilities. Therefore, all three options are considered to have a significant positive effect on this objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	None of the options are expected to have a direct effect on access to educational facilities. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected for all three options on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	The employment growth options are not expected to have a direct effect on access to healthcare facilities. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected for all three options on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	-?	-?	-?	While the lower level of employment growth proposed under RA1 may help to reduce noise and light pollution resulting from new employment development and population growth, the amount of growth planned under all three options could have adverse effects. However, effects of additional employment growth under all three options may be able to be mitigated through the use of good design and construction practices. The effects of the options on protecting local amenity will

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				also depend largely on the location of employment sites that are allocated to meet the level of employment provision, which have been appraised separately. Therefore, minor negative but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	The three housing growth options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Effects on access to local services and facilities will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. their proximity to such facilities), which have been appraised separately. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected for all three options on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within new development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the overall quantum of employment development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for individual sites. Therefore, the likely effects of all three options are negligible.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	All three options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Effects on access to recreational and cultural facilities will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. their proximity to such facilities), which have been appraised separately. Therefore, a negligible effect is expected for all three options on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+?	0	-?	Provision of additional employment opportunities within the District will not have a direct effect on increasing the number and range of homes available for local people. However, if more jobs than homes are provided, as may occur under the highest level of provision option RA2, more people may be attracted to the District due to job opportunities but not be able to get a home in the District. Therefore, the level of employment growth proposed under RA2 could have a negative effect on improving the number of homes available in the District. A minor negative but uncertain effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long-term. The option in the Local Plan of making provision for 32,194 jobs over the plan

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				<p>period is higher than the minimum employment growth scenario, and is intended to be in line with the level of housing provision selected for the Local Plan, which has been adjusted for jobs growth, therefore this option is likely to have a positive effect on balancing housing provision and employment opportunities in the District. A likely minor positive but uncertain effect is likely for this option over the short, medium term, and long-term.</p> <p>The level of employment growth proposed under RA1 will be lower than the intended level of housing provision in the Local Plan. This option is likely to have a negligible effect on the level of available homes in the District.</p>
<p>10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.</p>	<p>+?</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>+?</p>	<p>The effects of the options for employment growth on sustainable transport use will depend on the location of employment sites that are allocated (i.e. how well connected they are to the public transport network), which have been appraised separately. The extent to which people are able to make sustainable transport choices day to day will also depend on the relative proximity of the homes and jobs that are provided through the Local Plan, which has also been appraised separately.</p> <p>Taking forward a lower employment figure under RA1 may mean that there could be less of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although this will depend on the distribution of employment throughout the District. Even under this lower growth option, there is still a significant amount of additional jobs proposed over the plan period which could help to support public transport services, but it is considered that the likely effects of this option on sustainable transport would be negligible over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher employment figure than the minimum required for the District, as provided for in the Local Plan, could mean that there are some benefits in terms of increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although such effects will not be as likely as under RA2 and will depend on the distribution of housing throughout the District. The likely effects of this option on sustainable transport are potentially minor positive overall but with some uncertainty, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher employment figure compared to the Local Plan and RA1 could mean that there is more of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability</p>

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				of, public transport services, although this is uncertain as it will depend to some extent on the distribution of housing and employment locations throughout the District. The likely effects of this option on sustainable transport are potentially minor positive overall, over the short, medium and long term.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	-?	-?	--?	<p>All three options provide for additional employment growth in the District, and even if brownfield sites are prioritised, they are all likely to result in the development of some greenfield land, and could therefore have negative effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 involves taking forward a lower employment figure than proposed under the Local Plan and RA2, which could minimise the loss of high quality agricultural land to development as it may be easier to steer development away from those areas (Kirklees contains extensive areas of Grade 3 agricultural land which are mainly located in the north, central areas and east of the District). However, the scale of development means that impacts are still likely. If a lower employment figure is taken forward it may also be easier to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites. Therefore, there may be minor negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long-term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>The Local Plan option involves taking forward a higher employment figure than proposed under RA1, i.e. more than the minimum development required, which could mean that good quality agricultural land is more likely to be lost to development. However, such effects would be less significant than under RA2 which proposes an even higher level of growth. Taking forward a higher employment figure than the minimum required may also mean that it is more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites. Therefore, there may be minor negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>RA2 involves taking forward a higher employment figure than proposed under the two alternative options, which could mean that there is an increase in the loss of good quality agricultural land to development. If a higher employment figure is taken forward it may also be more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites. Therefore, there may be significant</p>

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				negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	-?	-?	--?	<p>The effects of the options on the landscape and townscape in and around Kirklees District will depend largely on the location of employment sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within or near to areas of high landscape sensitivity), which has been appraised separately. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on its design and cannot be assumed.</p> <p>While the large-scale development proposed for the District over the plan period under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a lower level of growth under RA1 may mean that development is less likely to impact on the landscape as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of growth under the Local Plan option than the minimum that is required may mean that development is more likely to impact on the landscape in comparison to RA1, as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity, although negative effects may be less likely to occur than under RA2 where the level of growth would be even higher. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of growth under RA2 may mean that development is particularly likely to impact on the landscape as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic	-?	-?	--?	The effects of all three employment growth options on the historic environment are largely uncertain at this stage as they will depend on the location of specific

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<p>environment, heritage assets and their settings.</p>				<p>development sites in relation to heritage features such as listed buildings, which have been appraised separately. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into developments through appropriate design. In addition, well designed and appropriately located development could result in improvements to the setting of heritage features and opportunities to sympathetically restore derelict or 'at risk' features, as well as improvements to the appearance of the wider built form of the District.</p> <p>While the employment development proposed for Kirklees District over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a lower level of employment growth under RA1 may mean that development is less likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that lower levels of development may also result in slightly lower levels of developer contributions, which could otherwise have been used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of employment growth under the Local Plan option than the minimum required may mean that development is more likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment, although this may be lower than the impacts under the highest growth option RA2. It is noted that higher levels of development may also influence levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Taking forward an even higher level of employment growth under RA2 may mean that development is particularly likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment.</p>

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				<p>It is noted that higher levels of development may also result in slightly higher levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p>
<p>14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>-?</p>	<p>--?</p>	<p>The effects of the employment growth options on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the location of employment sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within close proximity of designated biodiversity sites where habitats and species may be disturbed), which have been appraised separately. It is also recognised for all options that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into employment developments, for example through green infrastructure provision, but this cannot be assumed at this stage.</p> <p>While the development proposed for Kirklees District over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a lower level of growth under RA1 compared to the Local Plan option and RA2 may mean that development is less likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity. It may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species, i.e. away from the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs as well as the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites which are distributed across the District. The Local Plan is also being subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) throughout its preparation which should help to ensure that potential impacts on European sites from the development of new employment sites are identified and mitigated, if this option is taken forward. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of employment growth under the Local Plan option than the minimum required may mean that development is more likely to affect biodiversity and geodiversity as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species, although this may be lower than the impacts under the highest growth option RA2. A potential minor negative effect on this SA</p>

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				<p>objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive habitats and species.</p> <p>Taking forward an even higher level of employment growth under RA2 may mean that development is particularly likely to affect features biodiversity and geodiversity as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive habitats and species.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	<p>All three options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The effects of the options on air, water and soil quality in Kirklees will depend largely on the location of employment sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are in locations where there is capacity in the sewage treatment system to accommodate the development or in air quality management areas).</p> <p>While different levels of employment development may affect the extent to which increased pressure on air, water and soil resources results from population growth, it is assumed that adequate infrastructure (including sewage treatment, transport etc.) would be provided at an appropriate level to support development under all of the options. While it will be necessary to ensure that sensitive watercourses, source protection zones and aquifers, high quality soils and air quality management areas are not adversely affected by new development, this will be determined through the location of new employment sites rather than the options for employment growth. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and negative) but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The effects of the options on flood risk will depend largely on the location of employment sites that are allocated, in particular whether they are within higher risk flood zones – there are areas of flood zone 2 and 3 within the District, in particular in the north and centre of Kirklees, around the rivers Colne (north-east of Huddersfield) and Calder (east of Mirfield and south of Dewsbury). Across the district there are other smaller areas of flood zones 2 and 3, particularly around Fenay Beck (east of Almondbury), river Holme (south of Huddersfield), river Colne (south-west of Huddersfield) and the river Spen around Heckmondwike. The</p>

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				<p>proximity of employment site options to areas of high flood risk has been appraised separately.</p> <p>While the employment development that would result from any of the options for the level of growth in Kirklees is very likely to result in the loss of at least some impermeable surfaces as a result of development on greenfield land, it may be possible to mitigate impacts, for example by incorporating SuDS into the development.</p> <p>Higher levels of employment development (e.g. the Local Plan option and RA2) may mean that it is more difficult to direct development to brownfield land and pressure on greenfield sites may increase, thereby increasing the loss of impermeable surfaces. However, the design and location of development will be the primary determinants of effects, rather than the overall scale of growth in the District. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and negative) but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	<p>The effects of the employment growth options on waste generation will not vary. While the total amount of business and industry waste generated would be lower under RA1 compared to the options that propose higher levels of employment development, the amount of waste generated per employee would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments, which are not directly affected by the employment growth options. Therefore a negligible effect on this objective is expected over the short, medium and long-term for all three options.</p>
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	<p>Effects on the efficient consumption of water (i.e. per capita levels of water consumption) and energy use will depend on factors such as peoples' behaviour and the incorporation of water and energy efficiency measures into new developments, rather than the overall scale of development.</p>
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The effects of the employment growth options on this SA objective will depend largely on the design of new development and the incorporation of features such as renewable energy generation. However, effects will also be influenced by levels of emissions from transport, which may be reduced if the higher levels of employment contribute to increases in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services as discussed in SA objective 10. However, car usage may also increase with the additional population, therefore mixed, minor and</p>

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				uncertain effects are considered likely under all three options.

DLP8: Safeguarding employment land and premises

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: To allow a very flexible policy which responds purely to market forces.

SA Objectives	DLP8	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++	--?	<p>The Draft Policy would protect existing employment sites within Priority Employment Areas (PEAs) from change of use to non-employment related uses unless the specified criteria are met. The PEAs have been identified based on factors including their accessibility. Therefore, protecting employment uses in those areas will help to ensure the ongoing availability of jobs in the most suitable locations. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would result in the change of use at employment sites being determined by purely market forces. The effects of this approach are somewhat uncertain and will depend on what those market forces demand; however there is more chance of employment land being lost, including within the PEAs where employment sites are generally the most easily accessible. A potential but uncertain significant negative effect is therefore identified.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	--?	<p>The Draft Policy would protect existing employment sites within Priority Employment Areas (PEAs) from change of use to non-employment related uses unless the specified criteria are met. As such existing sites which allow for economic uses in Kirklees should be protected from redevelopment unless market signals mean another use would be appropriate, the new use is compatible with the neighbourhood and the current use is no longer applicable at the site in question. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would result in the change of use at employment sites being determined by purely market forces. The effects of this approach are somewhat uncertain and will depend on what those market forces demand; however there is more chance of employment land and the associated opportunities for inward investment and economic growth being lost. A potential but uncertain significant negative effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	-?	+?	<p>Protecting employment land from change of use through DLP8 could restrict opportunities for the redevelopment of employment sites for uses relating to services and facilities; therefore a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified.</p> <p>Conversely, allowing market forces to determine any future change of use within the PEAs could result in new services and facilities coming forward as part of the redevelopment of sites previously in employment use; however this is uncertain depending on what market forces demand.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-?	+?	<p>Protecting employment land from change of use through DLP8 could restrict opportunities for the redevelopment of employment sites for housing; therefore a potential but uncertain minor negative effect is identified.</p> <p>Conversely, allowing market forces to determine any future change of use within the PEAs could result in new housing coming forward as part of the redevelopment of sites previously in employment use; however this is uncertain depending on what market forces demand.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	-	<p>The Draft Policy would protect existing employment sites within Priority Employment Areas (PEAs) from change of use to non-employment related uses unless the specified criteria are met. The PEAs have been identified based on factors including their accessibility. Therefore, protecting employment uses in those areas will help to ensure the ongoing availability of jobs via sustainable transport and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would allow market forces to drive the potential change of use at employment sites in the PEAs, which may mean that employment sites in those more accessible locations are lost. Over the longer term this may reduce opportunities for people to commute to work via sustainable transport and a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP8	RA1	Justification
historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.			
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	-	<p>The Draft Policy would protect existing employment sites within Priority Employment Areas (PEAs) from change of use to non-employment related uses unless the specified criteria are met. The PEAs have been identified based on factors including their accessibility. Therefore, protecting employment uses in those areas will help to ensure the ongoing availability of jobs via sustainable transport, thereby reducing air pollution from vehicles, and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would allow market forces to drive the potential change of use at employment sites in the PEAs, which may mean that employment sites in those more accessible locations are lost. Over the longer term this may reduce opportunities for people to commute to work via sustainable transport and result in increased emissions from cars; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither DLP8 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	-	<p>The Draft Policy would protect existing employment sites within Priority Employment Areas (PEAs) from change of use to non-employment related uses unless the specified criteria are met. The PEAs have been identified based on factors including their accessibility. Therefore, protecting employment uses in those areas will help to ensure the ongoing availability of jobs via sustainable transport, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, and a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would allow market forces to drive the potential change of use at employment sites in the PEAs, which may mean that employment sites in those more accessible locations are lost. Over the longer term this may reduce opportunities for people to commute to work via sustainable transport and result in increased greenhouse gas emissions from cars; therefore a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>

DLP9: Supporting skilled communities

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: To not seek any contributions for local employment opportunities, training or skills.

SA Objectives	DLP9	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++	-?	<p>The Draft Policy would require major development proposals to contribute to the creation of local employment opportunities and support the education and training of local residents with schemes that are related to the proposed development. The Council will also support development which contributes to the operational needs of the District's higher learning centres. This approach will lead to the creation of employment opportunities in Kirklees and make sure that people are more highly skilled, enabling them to access a wider range of jobs. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean that the Council is not providing explicit policy support for the development of skills amongst the local population. This could make it more challenging to meet the aims of the Kirklees Economic Strategy and certain areas of the District could remain deprived in terms of levels of skills and employment. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that training opportunities may emerge from other sources and that higher learning facilities may still be maintained despite a lack of active support from Draft Policy DLP9.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	-?	<p>The Draft Policy would require major development proposals to contribute to the creation of local employment opportunities and support the education and training of local residents with schemes that are related to the proposed development. The Council will also support development which contributes to the operational needs of the District's higher learning centres. As well as leading in direct investment in local training needs this approach should result in a more highly skilled local workforce which would encourage further investment in Kirklees and therefore strength the local economy. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean that the Council is not providing explicit policy support for the development of skills amongst the local population. This could make it more challenging to meet the aims of the Kirklees Economic Strategy and certain areas of the District could remain deprived in terms of levels of skills and employment which may discourage investment. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that training opportunities may emerge from other sources and that higher learning facilities may still be maintained despite a lack of active support from Draft Policy DLP9.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	++	-?	<p>The Draft Policy would require major development proposals to support the education and training of local residents with schemes that are related to the proposed development. The Council would also support development which contributes to the operational needs of the District's higher learning centres. As such, higher education facilities in the District should be able to remain operational and to expand</p>

SA Objectives	DLP9	RA1	Justification
			<p>where needed, and local residents should be more easily able to access opportunities for further education locally. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA would mean that the Council is not providing explicit policy support for the development of the District's higher learning facilities. As such these facilities in Kirklees would find it harder to provide the facilities required to support the learning of local residents. This approach would additionally not require major developments to support growth in the proportion of local residents in education and training. Overall a minor negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. The negative effect is uncertain given that training opportunities may emerge from other sources and that higher learning facilities may still be maintained despite a lack of active support from the Council.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy provides support for reasonable ancillary uses at higher learning facilities in the District. These may include sports facilities which could help to encourage active outdoor recreation. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean that the Local Plan does not include specific policy support for ancillary development required by higher learning centres in Kirklees. However, other policies relating to sports facilities would still apply and the potential positive effect that would not occur is minor; therefore the likely effect of RA1 is negligible.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy provides support for reasonable ancillary uses at higher learning facilities in the District. These may include local facilities and services (such as coffee shops for example) which could have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean that the Local Plan does not include specific policy support for ancillary development required by higher learning centres in Kirklees. However, other policies relating to services and facilities would still apply and the potential positive effect that would not occur is minor; therefore the likely effect of RA1 is negligible.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy provides support for reasonable ancillary uses at higher learning facilities in the District. These may include sports facilities which could help to encourage active outdoor recreation. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean that the Local Plan does not include specific policy support for ancillary development required by higher learning centres in Kirklees. However, other policies relating to sports facilities would still apply and the potential positive effect that would not occur is minor; therefore the likely effect of</p>

SA Objectives	DLP9	RA1	Justification
			RA1 is negligible.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	Neither the draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP10: Supporting the rural economy

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific, for example by specifying the types of enterprises that will be considered to be acceptable.

SA Objectives	DLP10	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++	+?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy supports appropriate business development in the countryside and so will have a significant positive effect on employment opportunities in rural areas. Live/work units are also to be supported which may improve access to employment opportunities for people in rural areas, particularly those without a car.</p> <p>RA1 would rely on the section of the NPPF which address rural development (paragraph 28). The NPPF is broadly supportive of the rural economy and so a positive effect is still likely; however without the locally specific detail in DLP10 the positive effect would be minor and less certain.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more specific policy in the Local Plan. Although this would provide locally specific policy support for the rural economy and the associated jobs, it could be too restrictive and not allow for the proper consideration of proposals on their own merits, thereby limiting its effectiveness in terms of rural job creation. A mixed effect is therefore identified.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	+?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy supports appropriate business development in the countryside and so will have a significant positive effect on boosting the rural economy.</p> <p>RA1 would rely on the section of the NPPF which address rural development (paragraph 28). The NPPF is broadly supportive of the rural economy and so a positive effect is still likely; however without the locally specific detail in DLP10 the positive effect would be minor and less certain.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more specific policy in the Local Plan. Although this would provide locally specific policy support for the rural economy, it could be too restrictive and not allow for the proper consideration of proposals on their own merits, thereby limiting its effectiveness in terms of boosting the rural economy. A mixed effect is therefore identified.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP10	RA1	RA2	Justification
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+?	+?	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy supports appropriate rural economic development which could include some local services such as a farm shops and ancillary cafés. The main objective is to support the rural economy; however there would also be indirect benefits in relation to providing services in rural areas. Therefore a potential minor positive effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on the nature of any rural developments that eventually take place.</p> <p>RA1 would rely on the section of the NPPF which address rural development (paragraph 28). The NPPF is broadly supportive of the rural economy and so a potential indirect positive effect on rural services is still identified; however without the locally specific detail in DLP10 the positive effect would be even less certain.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more specific policy in the Local Plan. Although this would provide locally specific policy support for the rural economy and so new services could still be provided in rural areas, it could be too restrictive and not allow for the proper consideration of proposals on their own merits, thereby limiting its effectiveness. A mixed effect is therefore identified.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	0	0	<p>The Draft Policy supports live work units which could help to reduce the need for commuting in rural areas which is likely to be by car. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on sustainable transport.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	+	0	The Draft Policy supports rural economic development where the enterprise is to be provided through the conversion or reuse of an existing building. New buildings are to be provided only in special circumstances and these are to be located in close proximity to existing settlements or other existing groups of buildings. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP10	RA1	RA2	Justification
				RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on the efficient use of land.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	0	The Draft Policy states that proposals for rural economic development in the green belt, it must be acceptable in relation to green belt policy and have regard to other green belt policies in the Local Plan. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective. RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on the landscape.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	0	The Draft Policy supports live work units which could help to reduce the need for commuting in rural areas which is likely to be by car. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on reducing air pollution. RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on pollution.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	0	0	The Draft Policy promotes the re-use of existing buildings with new builds only permitted in special circumstances. As such this approach should encourage the use of brownfield land thus maintaining the amount of permeable land in the District. A minor positive effect is likely. RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on flood risk.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	0	0	The Draft Policy promotes the re-use of existing buildings with new builds only permitted in special circumstances. As such this approach should also encourage the re-use of brownfield land and as such potentially the re-use of materials currently on site. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective. RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on waste.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	0	The Draft Policy supports live work units which could help to reduce the need for commuting in rural areas which is likely to be by car and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on reducing air pollution. RA1 and RA2 would not have a direct effect on climate change.

Homes policies (Chapter 7 in the Draft Local Plan)

Quantum of housing options

Two reasonable alternative options were identified in relation to the housing provision figure for Kirklees of **1,630 dwellings per annum** over the Plan period from 2013-2031, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Make provision for the lowest housing growth scenario from the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) – the Jobs-led A – Trend Employment Rate – SENS1, which equates to **1,069 dwellings per annum** from 2013-2031

RA2: Make provision for the highest housing growth scenario from the SHMA – the Jobs-led D – 80% Employment Rate, which equates to **2,191 dwellings per annum** from 2013-2031.

SA Objectives	OAN – 1,630 dwellings/yr	RA1 – lower provision	RA2 – higher provision	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	-	++	<p>Provision of additional housing within the District will not have a direct effect on increasing the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, but it will affect the number of working age people within the District seeking employment. If sufficient employment growth is not also provided then there could be an imbalance between jobs and homes, leading to new residents having to commute out of the District for work. The housing growth options themselves will also not have a direct effect on ensuring that employment opportunities are accessible as that will depend on the distribution and locations of new housing, which has been assessed under other policies.</p> <p>The option in the Local Plan of making provision for a housing figure for Kirklees based on the recommended Objectively Assessed Need of 1,630 dwellings per year, is higher than the minimum housing requirement forecast for the District set out in the SHMA. The SHMA states that it is derived from the baseline of the 2012-based CLG household projections, with adjustment for jobs growth, therefore it is likely to have a positive effect on balancing housing provision and employment opportunities in the District, and supporting economic growth, which could also reduce levels of out-commuting. A likely minor positive effect is likely for this option over the short, medium term, and long-term.</p> <p>The level of housing growth proposed under RA1 would not be high enough to support economic growth in the District, or the housing need created through natural change (it is lower than the Natural Change scenario in the SHMA). This option could therefore have a negative effect on improving the number of available jobs in the District, and supporting economic growth. It may also mean that opportunities to reduce levels of out-commuting from the District are lost. A</p>

SA Objectives	OAN – 1,630 dwellings/yr	RA1 – lower provision	RA2 – higher provision	Justification
				<p>likely minor negative effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>RA2 involves taking forward a housing figure for Kirklees which is at the highest end of the scenarios considered for the objectively assessed housing need, reflecting the highest employment rate of 80%. The level of housing growth proposed under this option should therefore be high enough to support economic growth in the District, as well as meeting the need created through natural change. This approach could therefore have a significant positive effect on improving the number of available jobs in the District, and supporting economic growth. It is particularly likely to mean that levels of out-commuting from the District could be reduced. A likely significant positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	+	+	Each of these options for housing growth would stimulate the construction market and provide employment opportunities and investment in the District during construction of additional housing, therefore, all three options for housing growth are considered to have a minor positive effect on this objective. However, effects will also depend on the amount of employment land that is delivered through the Local Plan.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	<p>None of the options are expected to have a direct effect on access to educational facilities – while higher levels of housing growth under any of the options may increase pressure on infrastructure (including schools) as a result of population growth, it is assumed that such infrastructure would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options. Effects on access to education will also depend on the location of sites that are allocated for housing development, which have been appraised separately in relation to their proximity to schools and colleges.</p> <p>Therefore, a negligible effect is expected for all three options on this SA objective.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	The housing growth options are not expected to have a direct effect on access to healthcare facilities. While the lower level of housing growth proposed under RA1 may help to avoid increased pressure on infrastructure resulting from population growth, it is assumed that infrastructure (including healthcare facilities) would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options for the level of growth. Effects on access to healthcare facilities will also depend on the location of sites that are allocated for housing development, which have been appraised separately in relation to their proximity to GPs and hospitals.

SA Objectives	OAN – 1,630 dwellings/yr	RA1 – lower provision	RA2 – higher provision	Justification
				Therefore, a negligible effect is expected for all three options on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	-?	-?	-?	<p>While the lower level of housing growth proposed under RA1 may help to reduce noise and light pollution resulting from new housing development and population growth, the amount of growth planned under all three options could have adverse effects. However, effects of additional housing growth under all three options may be able to be mitigated through the use of good design and construction practices. The effects of the options on protecting local amenity will also depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated to meet the level of housing provision, which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>Therefore, minor negative but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	<p>The three housing growth options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Effects on access to local services and facilities will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. their proximity to such facilities), which have been appraised separately.</p> <p>While higher levels of housing development may affect the extent to which increased pressure on local services and facilities results from population growth, it is assumed that infrastructure (including local services and facilities) would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and negative) but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	The effects of new developments on levels of crime and fear of crime will depend on factors such as the incorporation of green space within new development sites which, depending on design and the use of appropriate lighting, could have an effect on perceptions of personal safety, particularly at night. However, such issues will not be influenced by the overall quantum of housing development; rather they will be determined through the detailed proposals for individual sites. Therefore, the likely effects of all three options are negligible.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	All three options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Effects on access to recreational and cultural facilities will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. their proximity to such facilities), which have been appraised separately.

SA Objectives	OAN – 1,630 dwellings/yr	RA1 – lower provision	RA2 – higher provision	Justification
space and encourage their usage.				While levels of housing development may affect the extent to which increased pressure on community facilities results from population growth, it is assumed that infrastructure (including recreational and cultural facilities) would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and negative) but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	-	++	<p>Provision of additional housing within the District will have a direct effect on increasing the number and range of homes available for local people.</p> <p>The option in the Local Plan of making provision for a housing figure for Kirklees based on the recommended Objectively Assessed Need of 1,630 dwellings per year, is higher than the minimum housing requirement forecast for the District set out in the SHMA. The SHMA states that it is derived from the baseline of the 2012-based CLG household projections, with adjustment for jobs growth, therefore it is likely to have a positive effect on ensuring sufficient homes are provided to meet population growth, as well as a balance between homes and job opportunities. A likely minor positive effect is likely for this option in the short-term rising to a significant positive effect in the medium and long-term as more homes are built.</p> <p>The level of housing growth proposed under RA1 may not be high enough to support the housing need created through natural change (it is lower than the Natural Change scenario in the SHMA). This option could therefore have a negative effect on improving the number of homes in the District, and supporting population and economic growth. A minor negative effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long-term.</p> <p>RA2 involves taking forward a housing figure for Kirklees which is at the highest end of the scenarios considered for the objectively assessed housing need, reflecting the highest employment rate of 80%. The level of housing growth proposed under this option should therefore be high enough to meet housing needs created through natural population change, as well as support economic growth in the District. A likely significant positive effect is therefore identified for this option over the short, medium and long term.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which	+?	0	+?	The effects of the options for growth on sustainable transport use will depend on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. how well connected they are to the public transport network), which have been appraised separately. The

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<p>encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.</p>				<p>extent to which people are able to make sustainable transport choices day to day will also depend on the relative proximity of the homes and jobs that are provided through the Local Plan, which has also been appraised separately.</p> <p>Taking forward a lower housing figure under RA1 could mean that there could be less of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although this will depend on the distribution of housing throughout the District. Even under this lower growth option, there is still a significant amount of additional housing and jobs proposed over the plan period which could help to support public transport services, but it is considered that the likely effects of this option on sustainable transport would be negligible over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher housing figure than the minimum required for the District, as provided for in the Local Plan, could mean that there are some benefits in terms of increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although such effects will not be as likely as under RA2 and will depend on the distribution of housing throughout the District. The likely effects of this option on sustainable transport are potentially minor positive overall but with some uncertainty, over the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher housing figure compared to the Local Plan and RA1 could mean that there is more of an increase in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services, although this is uncertain as it will depend to some extent on the distribution of housing throughout the District. The likely effects of this option on sustainable transport are potentially minor positive overall, over the short, medium and long term.</p>
<p>11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.</p>	-?	-?	--?	<p>All three options provide for additional housing growth in the District, and even if brownfield sites are prioritised, they are all likely to result in the development of some greenfield land, and could therefore have negative effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 involves taking forward a lower housing figure than proposed under the Local Plan and RA2, which could minimise the loss of high quality agricultural land to development as it may be easier to steer development away from those areas (Kirklees contains extensive areas of Grade 3 agricultural land which are mainly located in the north, central areas and east of the District). However, the scale of</p>

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				<p>development means that impacts are still likely. If a lower housing figure is taken forward it may also be easier to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites. Therefore, there may be minor negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long-term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>The Local Plan option involves taking forward a higher housing figure than proposed under RA1, i.e. more than the minimum development required, which could mean that good quality agricultural land is more likely to be lost to development. However, such effects would be less significant than under RA2 which proposes an even higher level of growth. Taking forward a higher housing figure than the minimum required may also mean that it is more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites. Therefore, there may be minor negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p> <p>RA2 involves taking forward a higher housing figure than proposed under the two alternative options, which could mean that there is an increase in the loss of good quality agricultural land to development. If a higher housing figure is taken forward it may also be more difficult to direct development to previously developed land in place of greenfield sites. Therefore, there may be significant negative effects from this option over the short, medium and long- term although this is uncertain as effects will depend to a great extent on the location of development which is not yet known.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	-?	-?	--?	<p>The effects of the options on the landscape and townscape in and around Kirklees District will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within or near to areas of high landscape sensitivity), which has been appraised separately. It is also recognised that high quality new development may have a positive effect and contribute to enhancing the quality of the landscape, although this will depend on its design and cannot be assumed.</p> <p>While the large-scale development proposed for the District over the plan period under all of the options could result in impacts on the landscape, taking forward a lower level of growth under RA1 may mean that development is less likely to impact on the landscape as it may be easier to steer development to the most</p>

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				<p>appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of growth under the Local Plan option than the minimum that is required may mean that development is more likely to impact on the landscape in comparison to RA1, as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity, although negative effects may be less likely to occur than under RA2 where the level of growth would be even higher. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of growth under RA2 may mean that development is particularly likely to impact on the landscape as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in relation to areas of particular landscape sensitivity. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	-?	-?	--?	<p>The effects of all three housing growth options on the historic environment are largely uncertain at this stage as they will depend on the location of specific development sites in relation to heritage features such as listed buildings, which have been appraised separately. It is also recognised that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into developments through appropriate design. In addition, well designed and appropriately located development could result in improvements to the setting of heritage features and opportunities to sympathetically restore derelict or 'at risk' features, as well as improvements to the appearance of the wider built form of the District.</p> <p>While the large-scale housing development proposed for Kirklees District over the plan period under all three of the options for growth could result in impacts on heritage assets, taking forward a lower level of housing growth under RA1 may mean that development is less likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that lower levels of development may also result in slightly lower levels of</p>

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				<p>developer contributions, which could otherwise have been used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of housing growth under the Local Plan option than the minimum required may mean that development is more likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment, although this may be lower than the impacts under the highest growth option RA2. It is noted that higher levels of development may also influence levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p> <p>Taking forward an even higher level of housing growth under RA2 may mean that development is particularly likely to affect features such as listed buildings and conservation areas as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on the historic environment. It is noted that higher levels of development may also result in slightly higher levels of developer contributions, which could be used for measures that would protect and enhance the historic environment; however this cannot be assumed. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive heritage features.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	-?	-?	--?	<p>The effects of the housing growth options on biodiversity and geodiversity will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are within close proximity of designated biodiversity sites where habitats and species may be disturbed), which have been appraised separately. It is also recognised for all options that mitigation may be able to be incorporated into housing developments, for example through green infrastructure provision, but this cannot be assumed at this stage.</p>

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				<p>While the large-scale development proposed for Kirklees District over the plan period under all of the three options for growth could result in impacts on sensitive habitats and species, taking forward a lower level of growth under RA1 compared to the Local Plan option and RA2 may mean that development is less likely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity. It may be easier to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species, i.e. away from the South Pennine Moors SAC and SPAs as well as the SSSIs and Local Wildlife Sites which are distributed across the District. The Local Plan is also being subject to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) throughout its preparation which should help to ensure that potential impacts on European sites from the development of over 1,000 homes per year are identified and mitigated, if this option is taken forward. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive biodiversity and geodiversity features, as well as its design.</p> <p>Taking forward a higher level of housing growth under the Local Plan option than the minimum required may mean that development is more likely to affect biodiversity and geodiversity as it may be more difficult to ensure that development is steered to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species, although this may be lower than the impacts under the highest growth option RA2. A potential minor negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive habitats and species.</p> <p>Taking forward an even higher level of housing growth under RA2 may mean that development is particularly likely to affect features biodiversity and geodiversity as it may be more difficult to steer development to the most appropriate sites in terms of reducing impacts on sensitive habitats and species. A potential significant negative effect on this SA objective is therefore identified for the short, medium and long- term, although this is uncertain as effects will depend largely on the location of development and its proximity to sensitive habitats and species.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	All three options would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. The effects of the options on air, water and soil quality in Kirklees will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated (i.e. whether they are in locations

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				<p>where there is capacity in the sewage treatment system to accommodate the development or in air quality management areas).</p> <p>While different levels of housing development may affect the extent to which increased pressure on air, water and soil resources results from population growth, it is assumed that adequate infrastructure (including sewage treatment, transport etc.) would be provided at an appropriate level to support housing development under all of the options. While it will be necessary to ensure that sensitive watercourses, source protection zones and aquifers, high quality soils and air quality management areas are not adversely affected by new development, this will be determined through the location of new housing rather than the options for housing growth. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and negative) but uncertain effects are likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.</p>
<p>16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>+/-?</p>	<p>The effects of the options on flood risk will depend largely on the location of residential sites that are allocated, in particular whether they are within higher risk flood zones – there are areas of flood zone 2 and 3 within the District, in particular in the north and centre of Kirklees, around the rivers Colne (north-east of Huddersfield) and Calder (east of Mirfield and south of Dewsbury). Across the district there are other smaller areas of flood zones 2 and 3, particularly around Fenay Beck (east of Almondbury), river Holme (south of Huddersfield), river Colne (south-west of Huddersfield) and the river Spen around Heckmondwike. The proximity of residential site options to areas of high flood risk has been appraised separately.</p> <p>While the large-scale housing development that would result from any of the options for the level of growth in Kirklees is very likely to result in the loss of at least some impermeable surfaces as a result of development on greenfield land, it may be possible to mitigate impacts, for example by incorporating SuDS into the development.</p> <p>Higher levels of housing development (e.g. the Local Plan option and RA2) may mean that it is more difficult to direct development to brownfield land and pressure on greenfield sites may increase, thereby increasing the loss of impermeable surfaces. However, the design and location of development will be the primary determinants of effects, rather than the overall scale of growth in the District. Therefore, mixed (minor positive and negative) but uncertain effects are</p>

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				likely over the short, medium and long term for all three options.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	The effects of the housing growth options on waste generation will not vary. While the total amount of household waste generated would be lower under RA1 compared to the options that propose higher levels of housing development, the amount of waste generated per person would not be affected. This, and levels of recycling, would instead be influenced by consumer behaviour and the incorporation of sustainable waste management systems within new developments, which are not directly affected by the housing growth options. Therefore a negligible effect on this objective is expected over the short, medium and long-term for all three options.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Effects on the efficient consumption of water (i.e. per capita levels of water consumption) and energy use will depend on factors such as peoples' behaviour and the incorporation of water and energy efficiency measures into new developments, rather than the overall scale of development.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+/-?	+/-?	+/-?	The effects of the housing growth options on this SA objective will depend largely on the design of new development and the incorporation of features such as renewable energy generation. However, effects will also be influenced by levels of emissions from transport, which may be reduced if the higher levels of housing contribute to increases in demand for, and therefore viability of, public transport services as discussed in SA objective 10. However, car usage may also increase with the additional population, therefore mixed, minor and uncertain effects are considered likely under all three options.

DLP11: Affordability and mix of housing

Four reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Require a higher percentage of affordable housing on sites.

RA2: Require a lower percentage of affordable housing on sites.

RA3: Setting different affordable housing percentage targets for different parts of Kirklees.

RA4: Outlining the affordable housing requirement on sites as a percentage of floorspace rather than units.

SA Objectives	DLP11	RA1	RA2	RA3	RA4	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP11	RA1	RA2	RA3	RA4	Justification
available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.						
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on access to education would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on access to healthcare facilities and opportunities to walk and cycle would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on amenity would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on access to services would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on crime would be influenced by the design and layout of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on access to recreational and cultural facilities would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	+/-?	+/-?	?	+	The primary purpose of DLP11 is to make sure that affordable housing is provided to meet local needs. It requires all proposals for housing to provide a broad mix of housing, suitable for different household types, and allows for flexibility in the proportion of affordable housing to be provided (20%) where the viability of the development would otherwise be compromised. The level of

SA Objectives	DLP11	RA1	RA2	RA3	RA4	Justification
						<p>affordable housing required in the policy reflects the most up to date evidence about viability. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 and RA2 would still require affordable housing to be delivered within housing developments; however a higher requirement (RA1) could make more housing developments unviable and a lower requirement (RA2) could result in less affordable housing coming forward. Both options are therefore likely to have mixed effects on this SA objective. There are some uncertainties attached as evidence about viability is currently being updated.</p> <p>RA3 would involve having varying affordable housing targets for different parts of Kirklees. The effects of this option are currently uncertain as the evidence base is not yet available to inform an assessment of what the varying targets could be and how that would relate to levels of need.</p> <p>RA4 would involve having an affordable housing target based on the percentage of floorspace rather than number of units within a development. While this would still result in the delivery of affordable housing, it could be a more complex approach than that set out in DLP11 and could therefore compromise or slow down the delivery of affordable housing in some cases in comparison to DLP11. A minor rather than significant positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on access to sustainable transport would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on the efficient use of land would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	--?	--?	--?	--?	--?	DLP11 allows for housing developments in exceptional circumstances to come forward on land which would not normally be permitted for development, as small freestanding settlements. This could have a significant negative effect on the landscape

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						<p>although this is largely uncertain depending on the location of the sites.</p> <p>The impacts of the alternative options on this SA objective would be the same as the part of the policy referred to above would not be affected by the alternative affordable housing requirements.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on the historic environment would be influenced by the specific location of sites and their design rather than the onsite housing mix.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on biodiversity and geodiversity would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on air, water and soil quality would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on flooding would be influenced by the specific location of sites rather than the onsite housing mix.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective. The likely effects of housing developments on climate change would be influenced by the specific location of sites in relation to sustainable transport links, and the design of the sites and potential or incorporating renewables, rather than the onsite housing mix.

DLP12: Accommodation for Travellers

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: A detailed criteria based policy could be used in terms of the selection of sites.

Sites that have been allocated for Traveller sites in the Allocations and Designations document have been subject to SA separately.

SA Objectives	DLP12	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on access to employment. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on access to employment if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on access to education. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on access to education if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on access to healthcare facilities and opportunities to walk and cycle day to day. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on access to healthcare if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on amenity including noise and light pollution. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on amenity including noise and light pollution if these issues were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	?	DLP14 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on access to services and facilities. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on access to services and

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			facilities if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on access to recreational and cultural facilities. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on access to recreational and cultural facilities if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	-?	DLP12 will ensure that sites are available for Travellers, thereby meeting their accommodation needs. Allocating sites through the Local Plan (which have been subject to SA separately) will help to provide certainty with regards to meeting local need for Traveller sites. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would involve including a criteria-based policy in the Local Plan, instead of making specific site allocations. This would mean that there would be less certainty with regards to the delivery of sites to meet local needs and a potential negative effect is therefore identified.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on access to sustainable transport. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on access to sustainable transport links if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on the efficient use of land. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on the efficient use of land if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on the landscape and townscape.

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			RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on the landscape and townscape if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on the historic environment. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on the historic environment if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on biodiversity and geodiversity if these issues were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on air, water and soil pollution. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on air, water and soil pollution if these issues were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on flood risk. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on flood risk if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on waste generation. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on waste if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.

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18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	?	DLP12 would not have a direct effect on this SA objective. Potential site allocations for Traveller sites have been subject to SA separately in relation to their potential impacts on climate change. RA1 would involve having a criteria based policy – this could have an effect on climate change if this issue were to be addressed in the policy which is not yet known. Therefore, the effect of that option is currently uncertain.

Retailing and Town Centres policies (Chapter 8 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP13: Town centre uses

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: A policy could be devised which provides less detail, and makes less reference to key characteristics of the district, such as the differing such a detailed number of centres in the district, and seeks less enhancements to sites located in out of centre locations.

SA Objectives	DLP13	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	+?	The primary purpose of DLP13 is to maintain the economic health and vitality of the town centres in Kirklees, by ensuring that town centre uses are located in defined centres. Proposals for town centre businesses will generally be supported and proposals that would undermine the vitality and viability of a centre would not be supported. This will have a positive effect on maintaining job opportunities in the town centres. Such jobs should be accessible for most people due to their location and because the policy refers to making links with sustainable transport users. RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely. RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on the economy of the District's town centres and the associated job opportunities is still likely, it is less certain.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation	++	0	+	The primary purpose of DLP13 is to maintain the economic health and vitality of the town centres in Kirklees, by ensuring that town centre uses are located in defined centres. Proposals for town centre businesses will generally be supported and proposals that would

SA Objectives	DLP13	RA1	RA2	Justification
and Entrepreneurship.				<p>undermine the vitality and viability of a centre would not be supported. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on the economy of the District's town centres is still likely, it is minor rather than significant.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	?	<p>DLP13 encourages proposals in defined centres where appropriate to make those centres more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists. Proposals in out of centre locations should be accessible by all travel modes, in particular by safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures would help to encourage people to use active modes of transport and a minor positive effect on health is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, there is less certainty about the extent to which the policy would specifically encourage active travel and an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	++	0	+	<p>DLP13 steers town centre uses to the defined centres, which will help to ensure that services and facilities such as shops are concentrated in accessible areas rather than being located more widely. This will help to ensure that they are accessible via non-car based modes of transport. In addition, the measures in the policy should support the overall vitality and viability of the town centres in Kirklees which may make them more attractive places to invest, thereby further increasing the range of shops and other services available. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF</p>

SA Objectives	DLP13	RA1	RA2	Justification
				would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely. RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on access to town centre services is still likely, it is minor rather than significant.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	0	+	DLP13 encourages proposals in defined centres where appropriate to make those centres more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists. Proposals in out of centre locations should be accessible by all travel modes, in particular by public transport safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures would help to encourage people to use sustainable modes of transport. In addition, focussing town centre uses in the defined areas will ensure that such uses are concentrated rather than being more widely distributed, and should be primarily in the areas that are most accessible by public transport. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely. RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on this objective is still likely, it is minor rather than significant.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	0	+?	The measures in DLP13 would steer developments to the defined centres where opportunities to use brownfield land may be good, and away from greenfield sites in out of centre locations. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely. RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF

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				would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely. RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on this objective is still likely, it is less certain.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	+?	DLP13 requires proposals in the defined centres to conserve and enhance local character and the public realm. Improving the vitality and viability of centres will also help to reduce vacancy rates and improve the appearance of the townscape. A positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely. RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on this objective is still likely, it is less certain.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	+?	DLP13 requires proposals in the defined centres to conserve and enhance heritage. Improving the vitality and viability of centres will also help to reduce vacancy rates and improve the appearance of the historic core of some centres in Kirklees. A positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely. RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on this objective is still likely, it is less certain.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	+?	DLP13 encourages proposals in defined centres where appropriate to make those centres more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists. Proposals in out of centre locations should be accessible by all travel modes, in particular by public transport safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures would help to encourage people to use sustainable modes of transport which would have a positive effect on levels of air pollution. In addition, focussing town centre uses in the defined areas will ensure that such uses are

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				<p>concentrated rather than being more widely distributed, and should be primarily in the areas that are most accessible by public transport which will help to reduce car use. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on this objective is still likely, it is minor rather than significant.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP13 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP13 encourages proposals in defined centres where appropriate to make those centres more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists. Proposals in out of centre locations should be accessible by all travel modes, in particular by public transport safe and convenient pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures would help to encourage people to use sustainable modes of transport which would have a positive effect on levels of greenhouse gas emissions from transport. In addition, focussing town centre uses in the defined areas will ensure that such uses are concentrated rather than being more widely distributed, and should be primarily in the areas that are most accessible by public transport which will help to reduce car use. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing town centre uses in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP13 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan but with less detail. This would mean that more reliance is placed on the NPPF. Therefore, while a positive effect on this objective is still likely, it is minor rather than significant.</p>

DLP14: Shopping frontages

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more restrictive in terms of Primary and Secondary Shopping frontages allowing no alternative uses within Primary area, and only a limited number in secondary frontages.

SA Objectives	DLP14	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	+/-	<p>The purpose of DLP14 is to maintain the retail function of the defined shopping areas by requiring uses within those areas to contribute as appropriate to the retail function of the area. The criteria that are set out for assessing non-retail uses in Primary Shopping Areas include the duration of vacancy of the relevant unit, which provides some flexibility for other uses where shopping uses are not viable. The policy will therefore have a positive effect on the retail economy and the associated job opportunities in Kirklees.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined areas. While this approach would still support the retail economy and the associated jobs, it could also result in higher vacancy levels of retail units are not viable, which would be detrimental to the economy and job creation. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	0	+/-	<p>The purpose of DLP14 is to maintain the retail function of the defined shopping areas by requiring uses within those areas to contribute as appropriate to the retail function of the area. The criteria that are set out for assessing non-retail uses in Primary Shopping Areas include the duration of vacancy of the relevant unit, which provides some flexibility for other uses where shopping uses are not viable. The policy will therefore have a significant positive effect on the retail economy in Kirklees.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined areas. While this approach would still support the retail economy, it could also result in higher vacancy levels of retail units are not viable, which would be detrimental to the economy. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative)</p>

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				effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	++	0	+	<p>DLP14 seeks to protect the retail function of the defined shopping areas, which will help to ensure that retail-related services and facilities are available to meet local need, rather than retail units being converted to other uses. This will also help to ensure that those areas remain vital and viable which may make them more attractive places to invest, thereby further increasing the range of shops available. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined areas. While this approach would still support the retail economy and therefore benefit the range of retail-related services available in those areas, it could also result in higher vacancy levels of retail units are not viable, which could otherwise be used to accommodate non-retail related services. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe	+	0	+/-	DLP14 should ensure that retail uses are focussed in the defined centres rather than being

SA Objectives	DLP14	RA1	RA2	Justification
transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.				<p>distributed more widely, including in out of centre locations which may not be accessible via public transport. This will help to reduce car use and a positive effect on this objective is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined areas. While this approach would still help to ensure that retail units are focussed in these relatively accessible areas, if retail uses are not viable then other facilities may still be restricted from locating there which could result in people travelling longer distances to access those facilities. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	0	+/-	<p>The measures in DLP14 would steer retail developments to the defined shopping areas and away from greenfield sites in out of centre locations. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined shopping areas. While this approach would still help to ensure that retail units are focussed in these areas rather than out of town greenfield locations, if retail uses are not viable then other facilities may still be restricted from locating there which could result in them being focussed on greenfield sites. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	+/-	<p>The measures in DLP14 would steer retail developments to the defined shopping areas and away from greenfield sites in out of centre locations, which could otherwise have adverse effects on the landscape. Improving the vitality and viability of the defined shopping areas will also help to reduce vacancy rates and improve the appearance of the townscape. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP14	RA1	RA2	Justification
				RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined shopping areas. While this approach would still help to ensure that retail units are focussed in these areas rather than out of town greenfield locations, if retail uses are not viable then other facilities may still be restricted from locating there which could result in high vacancy rates which would have a detrimental appearance and negatively affect the wider townscape. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	+/-	<p>DLP14 should ensure that retail uses are focussed in the defined centres rather than being distributed more widely, including in out of centre locations which may not be accessible via public transport. This will help to reduce car use and the associated air pollution and a positive effect on this objective is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined areas. While this approach would still help to ensure that retail units are focussed in these relatively accessible areas, if retail uses are not viable then other facilities may still be restricted from locating there which could result in people travelling longer distances to access those facilities, leading to increased emissions from car travel. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP14	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP14 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	+/-	<p>DLP14 should ensure that retail uses are focussed in the defined centres rather than being distributed more widely, including in out of centre locations which may not be accessible via public transport. This will help to reduce car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions and a positive effect on this objective is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing shopping frontages in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP14 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that is more restrictive in terms of alternative uses allowed in the defined areas. While this approach would still help to ensure that retail units are focussed in these relatively accessible areas, if retail uses are not viable then other facilities may still be restricted from locating there which could result in people travelling longer distances to access those facilities, leading to increased greenhouse gas emissions from car travel. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely in relation to this objective.</p>

DLP15: Residential in Town Centres Policy

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: A policy which sets out less criteria could be used to support the general principle of residential development in town centres, but provide only limited detail assess applications against, relying on other policies in the Local Plan of NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	0	<p>The measures in DLP15 relating to residential uses in town centre areas will help to protect the economic function of those areas and the associated jobs – the policy requires the protection of shopping areas and town centre uses and it is specified that residential uses will only be permitted on upper floors, and must not prejudice existing established uses on lower floors. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies</p>

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
				more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. The effects of this policy would therefore be similar to RA1, and without the detailed criteria set out in DLP15 in relation to protecting the economic function of town centres, a negligible effect is likely.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	0	0	<p>The measures in DLP15 relating to residential uses in town centre areas will help to protect the economic function of those areas – the policy requires the protection of shopping areas and town centre uses and it is specified that residential uses will only be permitted on upper floors, and must not prejudice existing established uses on lower floors. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. The effects of this policy would therefore be similar to RA1, and without the detailed criteria set out in DLP15 in relation to protecting the economic function of town centres, a negligible effect is likely.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	0	<p>DLP15 requires that proposals for residential uses in town centres protect the amenity of existing residents and future occupiers of the residential units, in particular in relation to noise, privacy outlook, air quality and pollution. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. The effects of this policy would therefore be similar to RA1, and without the detailed criteria set out in DLP15 in relation to protecting amenity, a negligible effect is likely.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	+	<p>DLP15 requires the protection of shopping areas and town centre uses and it is specified that residential uses will only be permitted on upper floors, and must not prejudice existing established uses on lower floors. It also permits residential uses in town centres where there is a concentration of shops, services and facilities in close proximity. A positive effect on retaining access to town centre services and facilities is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relying more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. This option would still involve permitting residential uses in areas where services and facilities are concentrated; therefore a minor positive effect is still likely even without the criteria relating to the protection of shopping and town centre uses. As with RA2, other national and local policies would still apply.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	0	-	<p>DLP15 provides for residential uses in town centres, in accordance with the defined criteria which will help to ensure that the housing is of decent quality and is not compromised by amenity issues. While residential uses on ground floors would not be permitted, a minor positive effect is still likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. This could mean that there is less clarity for developers looking to bring forward residential development in town centres, which could deter them from making applications and make it more difficult for applications to be assessed. This would restrict housing delivery in town centres and a minor negative effect is</p>

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
				identified.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	0	+	<p>DLP15 requires proposals for residential development in town centres to provide space for the storage of sustainable modes of transport such as bicycles, as well as providing access to public transport. Residential properties in town centres will also be well-located in relation to access to services, jobs etc. which should mean that levels of car use amongst residents are low. A positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relying more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. This option would still involve permitting residential uses in areas where opportunities to use sustainable transport would be good; therefore a minor positive effect is still likely even without the criteria relating to sustainable transport provision. As with RA2, other national and local policies would still apply.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	0	+	<p>Permitting residential developments in the upper floors of town centre uses through DLP15 would provide housing that may otherwise be directed to greenfield sites elsewhere. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relying more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. This would still provide for residential uses within town centre buildings and therefore help to reduce greenfield development; therefore a minor positive effect is also likely for this option.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	0	<p>DLP15 requires proposals for residential uses in town centres to protect the character of the centre and the local street scene, and that proposals should retain and enhance design features of the building. This would have a positive effect on the townscape.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
				RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. The effects of this policy would therefore be similar to RA1, and without the detailed criterion set out in DLP15 in relation to local character, a negligible effect is likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	0	<p>DLP15 requires proposals for residential uses in town centres to retain and enhance heritage features of the building. This would have a positive effect on the townscape.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. The effects of this policy would therefore be similar to RA1, and without the detailed criterion set out in DLP15 in relation to protecting heritage, a negligible effect is likely.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	+	<p>DLP15 requires proposals for residential development in town centres to provide space for the storage of sustainable modes of transport such as bicycles, as well as providing access to public transport. Residential properties in town centres will also be well-located in relation to access to services, jobs etc. which should mean that levels of car use amongst residents are low. This will help to reduce emissions and a positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relying more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. This option would still involve permitting residential uses in areas where opportunities to use sustainable transport and therefore reduce emissions from car use would be good; therefore a minor positive effect is still likely even without the criteria relating to sustainable transport provision. As with RA2, other national and local policies would still apply.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	0	0	<p>DLP15 requires proposals for residential development in town centres to provide space for refuse storage and collection. While this is primarily in relation to amenity, this could help to encourage sustainable waste management and a minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relies more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. The effects of this policy would therefore be similar to RA1, and without the detailed criterion set out in DLP15 in relation to waste a negligible effect is likely.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP15	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP15 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP15 requires proposals for residential development in town centres to provide space for the storage of sustainable modes of transport such as bicycles, as well as providing access to public transport. Residential properties in town centres will also be well-located in relation to access to services, jobs etc. which should mean that levels of car use amongst residents are low. This will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and a positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing residential uses in town centres in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP15 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy in the Local Plan that sets out fewer criteria and relying more on other Local Plan policies and the NPPF. This option would still involve permitting residential uses in areas where opportunities to use sustainable transport and therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions from car use would be good; therefore a minor positive effect is still likely even without the criteria relating to sustainable transport provision. As with RA2, other national and local policies would still apply.</p>

DLP16: Food and drink uses and the evening economy

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: There could be a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria could be provided to stated that food and drink uses should consider the impact of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre, either individually or cumulatively.

SA Objectives	DLP16	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	+?	DLP16 seeks to avoid concentrations of food and drink-related uses and licenced entertainment uses within town centres, which could otherwise negatively affect their vitality and viability, particularly in the daytime and therefore have indirect adverse impacts on the town centre economy and associated jobs. The policy does permit such uses in defined centres provided that there would not be an inappropriate concentration, so would support job creation in relation to those uses. The detailed criteria in the policy relating to issues such as litter, antisocial behaviour and the appearance of buildings will help to ensure that town centres remain attractive, also benefitting the economy and associated jobs. This approach will therefore have a positive effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP16	RA1	RA2	Justification
				<p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on protecting the economy of the district's centres and the associated jobs is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to avoid concentrations of food and drink-related uses and licenced entertainment uses within town centres, which could otherwise negatively affect their vitality and viability, particularly in the daytime. The policy does permit such uses in defined centres provided that there would not be an inappropriate concentration. The detailed criteria in the policy relating to issues such as litter, antisocial behaviour and the appearance of buildings will help to ensure that town centres remain attractive, also benefitting the economy. This approach will have a positive effect on the economy of the district's centres.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on protecting the economy of the district's centres is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 would seek to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres, which would have a minor positive effect in terms of encouraging healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP16	RA1	RA2	Justification
				RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on health as a result of restricting such uses where appropriate is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	++	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the impacts of noise, general disturbance, fumes, smells, litter and late night activity, including those impacts arising from the use of external areas. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely in relation to protecting amenity in town centres.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on amenity as a result of restricting such uses where appropriate is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres which will help to ensure that units in accessible town centre locations remain available for other services and facilities and that areas of town centres do not become dominated by bars, takeaways etc. The policy also requires proposals for such uses not to harm the function, vitality and viability of town centres, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on access to services and facilities is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP16	RA1	RA2	Justification
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the potential for antisocial behaviour and crime to arise from the development. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on crime and antisocial behaviour as a result of restricting such uses where appropriate is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the availability of public transport. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on sustainable transport is still possible although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objectives	DLP16	RA1	RA2	Justification
use of land.				objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the appearance of any associated extensions, flues and installations. It also requires consideration to be given to refuse storage. These measures are likely to have a minor positive effect in relation to protecting local character and the townscape.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on the townscape is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the availability of public transport, parking and servicing. This should reduce the air pollution associated with transport and deliveries etc. and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on air pollution is still possible although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objectives	DLP16	RA1	RA2	Justification
development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.				objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the provision of refuse storage and disposal facilities. While this criterion is considered to primarily relate to amenity, it may help to encourage waste minimisation and the sustainable management of waste and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on waste management is still likely although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP16 nor the reasonable alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP16 seeks to restrict concentrations of food and drink and licensed entertainment uses in town centres and requires consideration to be given to the availability of public transport, parking and servicing. This should reduce the emissions associated with transport and deliveries etc. and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a policy addressing food and drink uses and the evening economy in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP16 would not occur, national policy in the NPPF and other relevant Local Plan policies would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a policy which is less prescriptive in terms of criteria, but that would still require that food and drink uses consider the impacts of the development on the character, function, vitality and viability of the centre. Therefore, a positive effect on greenhouse gas emissions is still possible although there is less certainty without the detailed criteria in DLP16.</p>

DLP17: Huddersfield Town Centre

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: A policy with a more limited approach could be devised which sets out a broad overall strategy for Huddersfield, detail development sites, but does not set out specific criteria could be used.

SA Objectives	DLP17	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP17 seeks to ensure that Huddersfield is the main focus in the district for retail and office uses, which will provide job opportunities in an accessible area that is well-connected via sustainable transport. It also provides support for the economic development and expansion of the town and the district which will further stimulate employment. The provision of new sustainable transport links at the town will also improve peoples' access to existing jobs in that urban centre. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies, such as the overall spatial development strategy which steers most development to larger urban areas such as Huddersfield, would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that economic growth at Huddersfield is pursued, with the associated jobs; however without the detailed criteria included in DLP17 in relation to the economy and town centre uses at Huddersfield, there is less certainty about the positive effect.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	0	+?	<p>DLP17 provides support for the economic development and expansion of the town and the district and for the development of retail and office uses at Huddersfield. This will help to stimulate the local economy. In addition, the criteria set out in the policy to ensure that the quality of the town is maintained and enhanced will increase its attractiveness as a place to invest. Improving sustainable transport links in the area will also reduce congestion which can have economic benefits. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies, such as the overall spatial development strategy which steers most development to larger urban areas such as Huddersfield, would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p>

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				RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that economic growth at Huddersfield is pursued; however without the detailed criteria included in DLP17 in relation to the economy and town centre uses at Huddersfield, there is less certainty about the positive effect.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	0	0	<p>DLP17 supports the provision of high quality education facilities at Huddersfield and provides support for the development of the University of Huddersfield and its Queensgate Campus. Enhancing the connections between the site and the town centre, as well as wider sustainable transport improvements, will help to ensure that people have good access to education facilities, including those without a car. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to education would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criteria relating to education that are set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	0	<p>DLP17 supports the provision of sustainable transport links, including cycle and pedestrian routes and cycle parking. This will help to encourage more people to make use of active modes of transport, with a positive effect likely in relation to health.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport and health would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criteria relating to active travel that are set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither DLP17 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	+?	DLP17 seeks to ensure that Huddersfield is the main focus in the district for retail and leisure provision as well as other town centre uses. Focussing this type of development mainly at Huddersfield will help to provide good levels of access because of the relatively

SA Objectives	DLP17	RA1	RA2	Justification
				<p>good public transport links in this area. The provision of new sustainable transport links at the town will also improve peoples' access to existing services and facilities in that urban centre. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies, such as the overall spatial development strategy which steers most development to larger urban areas such as Huddersfield, would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that Huddersfield is the main focus for development of retail and leisure provision in Kirklees; however without the detailed criteria included in DLP17 in relation to town centre uses at Huddersfield and accessibility there is less certainty about the positive effect.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	0	0	<p>DLP17 aims to ensure that Huddersfield provides a safe environment for residents and visitors and a positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to crime and safety would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criterion relating to safety that is set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1</p>
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	0	0	<p>DLP17 seeks to preserve and enhance open spaces within Huddersfield and a positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to open space provision and green infrastructure would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criterion relating to open space that is set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1</p>

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9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	0	0	<p>DLP17 supports the provision of space for town centre residential living in Huddersfield and a positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to housing would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criterion relating to town centre residential living that is set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	0	+	<p>DLP17 encourages the provision of sustainable transport links such as walking and cycle routes, cycle parking and charging points for electric vehicles. It also seeks to improve connections between the University of Huddersfield's Queensgate Campus which may include cycling routes. All proposals for development on the edge of the town centre will be required to include enhanced connections to the town centre including pedestrian and cycling routes. In addition, making Huddersfield the primary focus for retail, leisure and tourism uses and offices in Kirklees will help to enable more people to use sustainable modes of transport day to day as public transport links around the town are relatively good. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport would still apply and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct most development to the larger urban centres such as Huddersfield. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that Huddersfield is the main focus for development in Kirklees; however without the detailed criteria included in DLP17 in relation to sustainable transport the positive effect is minor rather than significant.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither DLP17 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	0	DLP17 does not refer directly to the character of Huddersfield and townscape, although it requires developments to preserve and enhance cultural and architectural heritage and to enhance open spaces, which will have indirect positive effects on the character of the town

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				<p>and the townscape. A positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to the landscape and townscape would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criterion relating to the townscape that are set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	0	<p>DLP17 requires developments to preserve and enhance cultural and architectural heritage which will have a positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to the historic environment would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. Without the specific criterion relating to cultural heritage that are set out in DLP17, a negligible effect is likely, as with RA1.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither DLP17 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+/-	0	+?/-	<p>DLP17 encourages the provision of sustainable transport links such as walking and cycle routes, cycle parking and charging points for electric vehicles. It also seeks to improve connections between the University of Huddersfield's Queensgate Campus which may include cycling routes. All proposals for development on the edge of the town centre will be required to include enhanced connections to the town centre including pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures will help to reduce air pollution from vehicle traffic and a positive effect on this objective is likely. However, there is an Air Quality Management area on the north eastern edge of the town and air pollution in that area could be compounded by increased traffic in the area which would inevitably result from focussing development at Huddersfield. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the mixed effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport and air quality would still apply,</p>

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				<p>and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct development to Huddersfield. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that Huddersfield is the main focus for development in Kirklees; however without the detailed criteria included in DLP17 in relation to sustainable transport the positive part of the mixed effect is less certain.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	-?	0	-?	<p>DLP17 seeks to make Huddersfield the primary focus for retail, leisure and tourism uses and offices in Kirklees which is likely to mean that a significant amount of development comes forward there. There are areas of flood zones 2 and 3 within the town, particularly to the north and east of the town centre; therefore development in those areas could result in increased risk of flooding. However, this potential negative effect is uncertain and will depend on the location of developments and the incorporation of mitigation such as SuDS.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the potential negative effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to flood risk management would still apply and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct development to Huddersfield. Therefore, a negligible rather than positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that Huddersfield is the main focus for development in Kirklees and the potential minor negative effect in relation to flood risk may still occur.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither DLP17 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP17 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP17 encourages the provision of sustainable transport links such as walking and cycle routes, cycle parking and charging points for electric vehicles. It also seeks to improve connections between the University of Huddersfield's Queensgate Campus which may include cycling routes. All proposals for development on the edge of the town centre will be required to include enhanced connections to the town centre including pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic. In addition, making Huddersfield the primary focus for retail, leisure and tourism uses and offices in Kirklees will help to enable more people to use sustainable modes of transport day to day as public transport links around the town are relatively good. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Huddersfield town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP17 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport and climate change would still apply, and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct development to Huddersfield. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a policy with a more limited approach, i.e. setting out a broad strategy for Huddersfield but not the same detailed criteria. This approach would still mean that Huddersfield is the main focus for development in Kirklees; however without the detailed criteria included in DLP17 in relation to sustainable transport the positive effect is less certain.</p>

DLP18: Dewsbury Town Centre

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: A more detailed policy could be devised which sets out a quarters approach to the town centre where particular uses are specified for specific areas.

SA Objectives	DLP18	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	-	DLP18 seeks to ensure that Dewsbury is the main focus in the north of the district for retail uses, which will provide job opportunities in an accessible area that is well-connected via sustainable transport. It also provides support for the economic development and expansion of the town and the district and for the provision of space for a range of businesses which will further stimulate employment. The provision of new sustainable transport links at the town will also improve peoples' access to existing jobs in that urban centre. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.

SA Objectives	DLP18	RA1	RA2	Justification
				<p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies, such as the overall spatial development strategy which steers most development to larger urban areas such as Dewsbury, would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This could be inflexible and not allow for town centre uses to respond to changing market conditions, which could have a negative effect on the economy and job creation particularly over the longer-term.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	0	-	<p>DLP18 provides support for the economic development and expansion of Dewsbury and the district and for the development of retail uses. This will help to stimulate the local economy. In addition, the criteria set out in the policy to ensure that the quality of the town is maintained and enhanced will increase its attractiveness as a place to invest. Improving sustainable transport links in the area will also reduce congestion which can have economic benefits. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies, such as the overall spatial development strategy which steers most development to larger urban areas such as Dewsbury, would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This could be inflexible and not allow for town centre uses to respond to changing market conditions, which could have a negative effect on the economy particularly over the longer-term.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither DLP18 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	+	<p>DLP18 supports the provision of sustainable transport links, including cycle and pedestrian routes and cycle parking. This will help to encourage more people to make use of active modes of transport, with a positive effect likely in relation to health.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport and health would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p>

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				RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to sustainable transport use, and a minor positive effect is likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither DLP18 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	-	<p>DLP18 seeks to ensure that Dewsbury is the main focus in the north of the district for retail provision as well as other town centre uses. Focussing this type of development mainly at Dewsbury will help to provide good levels of access because of the relatively good public transport links in this area. The provision of new sustainable transport links at the town will also improve peoples' access to existing services and facilities in that urban centre. A positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies, such as the overall spatial development strategy which steers most development to larger urban areas such as Dewsbury, would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This could be inflexible and not allow for town centre uses to respond to changing market conditions, which could have a negative effect on the provision of nm appropriate range of services in appropriate locations, particularly over the longer-term.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	0	+	<p>DLP18 aims to ensure that Dewsbury provides a safe environment for residents and visitors and a positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to crime and safety would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to safety, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
8. Protect and enhance existing and	+	0	+	DLP18 seeks to preserve and enhance open spaces within Dewsbury and a positive effect on

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support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.				<p>this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to open space provision and green infrastructure would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to open space provision, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	0	+	<p>DLP18 supports the provision of space for town centre residential living in Dewsbury and a positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to housing would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to residential development, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	0	++	<p>DLP18 encourages the provision of sustainable transport links such as walking and cycle routes, cycle parking and charging points for electric vehicles. All proposals for development on the edge of the town centre will be required to include enhanced connections to the town centre including pedestrian and cycling routes. In addition, making Dewsbury the primary focus for retail and other town centre uses in the north of Kirklees will help to enable more people to use sustainable modes of transport day to day as public transport links around the town are relatively good. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport would still apply and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct most development to the larger urban centres such as Dewsbury. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the significant</p>

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				positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to sustainable transport use and the principle of steering development to Dewsbury, and a significant positive effect is again likely.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither DLP18 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	+	<p>DLP18 does not refer directly to the character of Dewsbury and the townscape, although it requires developments to preserve and enhance cultural and architectural heritage and to enhance open spaces, which will have indirect positive effects on the character of the town and the townscape. A positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to the landscape and townscape would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to heritage and open space provision, and a minor positive effect is still likely under this option.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	+	<p>DLP18 requires developments to preserve and enhance cultural and architectural heritage which will have a positive effect on this objective.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to the historic environment would still apply. Therefore, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to cultural heritage, and a minor positive effect is still likely under this option.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither DLP18 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+/-	0	+/-	DLP18 encourages the provision of sustainable transport links such as walking and cycle routes, cycle parking and charging points for electric vehicles. All proposals for development on the edge of the town centre will be required to include enhanced connections to the town centre including pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures will help to reduce air

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				<p>pollution from vehicle traffic and a positive effect on this objective is likely. However, there is an Air Quality Management area on the south western edge of the town and air pollution in that area could be compounded by increased traffic in the area which would inevitably result from focussing development at Dewsbury. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the mixed effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport and air quality would still apply, and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct development to Dewsbury. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the mixed effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to sustainable transport use and the principle of steering development to Dewsbury, and a mixed effect is again likely.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	-?	0	-?	<p>DLP18 seeks to make Dewsbury the primary focus for retail and other town centre uses in the north of Kirklees which is likely to mean that a significant amount of development comes forward there. There are areas of flood zones 2 and 3 within the town, particularly to the south of the town centre; therefore development in those areas could result in increased risk of flooding. However, this potential negative effect is uncertain and will depend on the location of developments and the incorporation of mitigation such as SuDS.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the potential negative effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to flood risk management would still apply and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct development to Dewsbury. Therefore, a negligible rather than positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the potential minor negative effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the principle of steering development to Dewsbury where there are areas of high flood risk, and a potential minor negative effect is still identified for this option.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither DLP18 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP18 nor the reasonable alternative options will have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	+	<p>DLP18 encourages the provision of sustainable transport links such as walking and cycle routes, cycle parking and charging points for electric vehicles. All proposals for development on the edge of the town centre will be required to include enhanced connections to the town centre including pedestrian and cycling routes. These measures will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic. In addition, making Dewsbury the primary focus for retail and town centre uses in the north of Kirklees will help to enable more people to use sustainable modes of transport day to day as public transport links around the town are relatively good. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would mean not having a specific policy relating to Dewsbury town centre in the Local Plan. While the positive effect associated with DLP18 would therefore not occur, other relevant Local Plan policies relating to sustainable transport and climate change would still apply, and the spatial development strategy would continue to direct development to Dewsbury. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve including a more detailed policy which specific particular uses for particular areas of the town centre. This approach is not expected to affect the minor positive effect associated with DLP18 which relates to the criteria relating to sustainable transport use and the principle of steering development to Dewsbury, and a positive effect is again likely.</p>

Transport policies (Chapter 9 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP19: Strategic transport infrastructure

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Not have a policy in the Local Plan.

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1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	DLP19 seeks to ensure that the strategic transport infrastructure is in place which is required to support economic growth and relieve congestion in Kirklees. This will help to boost the economy and therefore increase the number of available jobs. Reductions in congestion and improvements to bus services would also improve access to jobs including for people without a car. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

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			RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive effect associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	++	0	DLP19 seeks to ensure that the strategic transport infrastructure is in place which is required to support economic growth and relieve congestion in Kirklees. This is particularly important given the strategic location of Kirklees within the surrounding transport network. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive effect associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	The measures in DLP19 which seek to reduce congestion by improving the strategic transport network mean that a minor positive effect on health is likely as peoples' health is less likely to be affected by air pollution. The policy also refers to the need to accommodate traffic safely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive effect associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	The measures in DLP19 which seek to reduce congestion by improving the strategic transport network mean that a minor positive effect on amenity is likely as a result of reduced noise. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive effect associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

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open space and encourage their usage.			
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++/-	0	<p>The measures in DLP19 seeking to improve strategic transport infrastructure could indirectly encourage and facilitate car use in Kirklees as it becomes a more convenient option. However, the policy does refer to traffic management involving giving priority to buses and to the need to make more efficient and effective use of rail and water transport. In addition, the policy seeks to make significant improvements to the strategic transport network by supporting the identified schemes, and ensuring that traffic can be safely accommodated. Development proposals that may prejudice the future development of walking and cycling infrastructure will not be permitted. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive and negative effects associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than positive or negative effect is therefore likely.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective. It is assumed that the potential landscape-related impacts of the transport schemes referred to in the policy are being assessed separately, for example through the EIA process.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective. It is assumed that the potential heritage-related impacts of the transport schemes referred to in the policy are being assessed separately, for example through the EIA process.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective. It is assumed that the potential biodiversity and geodiversity-related impacts of the transport schemes referred to in the policy are being assessed separately, for example through the EIA process.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	<p>The measures in DLP19 which seek to reduce congestion by improving the strategic transport network mean that a minor positive effect on reduced air pollution is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive effect associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective. It is assumed that the potential flooding-related impacts of the transport schemes referred to in the policy are

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ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.			being assessed separately, for example through the EIA process.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither DLP19 nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+/-	0	<p>The measures in DLP19 seeking to improve strategic transport infrastructure could indirectly encourage and facilitate car use (with the associated greenhouse gas emissions) in Kirklees as it becomes a more convenient option. However, the policy does refer to traffic management involving giving priority to buses and to the need to make more efficient and effective use of rail and water transport. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect on this SA objective is therefore likely overall.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing strategic transport infrastructure. While this would mean that the positive and negative effects associated with DLP19 would not occur, strategic transport infrastructure improvements are still coming forward separately to the Local Plan and a negligible rather than positive or negative effect is therefore likely.</p>

DLP20: Sustainable travel and demand management

No reasonable alternative options were identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy.

SA Objectives	DLP20	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++	<p>Locating employment development in areas that are safely and conveniently accessible by sustainable modes of transport may improve levels of access to employment opportunities as people without a car would have the potential to access the site. Additionally, the Draft Policy promotes development that would utilise existing sustainable transport links, therefore possibly encouraging new employment developments to come forward in locations that are accessible to most people. Furthermore, the Draft Policy requires developers to contribute to planned public transport, cycling and walking improvement schemes.</p> <p>Travel plan measures such as the incorporation of changing rooms and showers are also encouraged by the Draft Policy to be included in new developments, which should increase the attractiveness of sustainable travel for employees including those who have a longer commuting distance. The range of employment opportunities for local people would also be increased as the Draft Policy identifies home working requirements to be included in new developments which would reduce journeys and possibly provide those with limited mobility with job opportunities. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through	+	The provision and promotion of sustainable transport infrastructure may help to support economic growth as commercial developments often require improved transport infrastructure connections for their establishment and

SA Objectives	DLP20	Justification
increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.		subsequent success. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	The measures included in this policy to improve the sustainable transport system in Kirklees could provide additional routes and links, which in turn would increase the accessibility of educational institutions providing residents with more choice. A minor positive is therefore likely on this objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	<p>This Draft Policy supports and promotes sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling. This should have a positive effect on health by encouraging people to lead more active lifestyles. Furthermore, the Draft Policy seeks to minimise car use by encouraging travel planning which incorporates sustainable modes of travel and home working (the latter reducing the need to travel); all of which reduce emissions improving air quality which can otherwise have detrimental effects on peoples' health.</p> <p>Improvements to the sustainable transport system could also provide additional routes and links, which in turn would increase the accessibility of health and social care facilities. A significant positive is therefore likely on this objective.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	This Draft Policy includes a range of measures with the aim of minimising car use, which would in turn reduce noise associated with car traffic. A minor positive is therefore likely for this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	This policy seeks to locate new development in areas where the need to travel is reduced and where sustainable transport links are available – this is likely to mean that development is directed towards urban areas where access to services and facilities is generally good. Locating development in areas that are safely and conveniently accessible by sustainable modes of transport would also increase levels of access to services and facilities as more people (including those without a car and those with limited mobility and unable to carry heavy shopping) would be able to reach services and facilities. A minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective overall.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+?	The Draft Policy states that the Council will support, and developers are expected to contribute to, cycle and walking improvement schemes which themselves could have recreational value. However, this depends on their nature and location. A minor positive effect may therefore occur on this SA objective although this is currently uncertain.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	The primary aim of the Draft Policy is to ensure that development is located in areas where the need to travel can be minimised and sustainable forms of transport could be used instead of private cars. The Draft Policy states that the Council will support developments that encourage use of sustainable and active modes of transport and that developers are expected to contribute to planned public transport, cycling and walking improvement schemes. Both of these requirements should ensure that people have access to sustainable transport and are able to achieve modal

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		<p>shift.</p> <p>Additionally, travel plan measures such as changing rooms and showers are also encouraged by the Draft Policy to be included in new developments which should increase the attractiveness of sustainable travel for commuters. Furthermore, the Draft Policy states that new major planning applications will be subject to evaluation travel plans that include monitoring arrangements to ensure sustainable travel patterns are maintained. The Draft Policy also notes that some developments located at strategic and popular destinations (for example railway stations and entertainment venues) will require tailored travel plans that address specific local travel issues. Overall, a significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	Although encouraging the use of more sustainable forms of transport Kirklees may help to avoid any disturbance to biodiversity from car traffic (e.g. as a result of noise, vibration or air pollution), any such effect is expected to be minimal and spread over a long time period. A negligible effect on this SA objective is therefore expected.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	This Draft Policy seeks to minimise private car use by facilitating the use of sustainable modes of transport and home working (the latter reducing the need to travel) which would in turn reduce levels of air pollution. This would be particularly beneficial in the vicinity of the two AQMAs that have been declared in Kirklees. The policy also encourages the use of low emission vehicles to improve areas with low levels of air quality. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP20	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	++	The Draft Policy aims to focus development in areas where the requirement for travel will be minimised. Additionally the Draft Policy will encourage development which allows for the use of sustainable forms of transport (for example through the promotion of travel plans, easier access to bus services and the improvement cycle and walking schemes). It is expected that these provisions would have a significant positive effect on this SA objective given that they would reduce the need to travel by private car and thus reduce the associated greenhouse gas emission in Kirklees.

DLP21: Highways and access

No reasonable alternative options were identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy.

SA Objectives	DLP21	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	The Draft Policy requires planning applications to demonstrate that the new development can be accessed effectively and safely by all sections of the community and by different modes of transport; therefore increasing the accessibility of employment opportunities, especially for those without a private car. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	The provision of sustainable transport and improved transport infrastructure may support economic growth as commercial developments often require improved transport infrastructure connections for their establishment and subsequent success. The Draft Policy requires new developments to have a safe and efficient flow of traffic within the development and on the surrounding highway network, which could benefit the local economy as congestion could otherwise have negative effects. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	The Draft Policy requires new developments to be accessible easily and safely by all sections of the community and by different modes of transport. This requirement could result in the provision of new routes and additional services that would increase accessibility to educational institutions. A minor positive is therefore likely on this objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	This Draft Policy outlines a user hierarchy whereby pedestrians and cyclists are prioritised in the design of a development; therefore encouraging people to use those active forms of transport. This should have a positive effect on health by encouraging people to lead more active lifestyles. The policy should also help to reduce car use which will also reduce emissions, thus improving air quality which can otherwise have a negative effect on health. Improving modal connections would also increase the accessibility of health and social care facilities, in particular for people without a car. A significant positive is therefore likely on this objective overall.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to minimise car use by putting it at the lowest priority of the user hierarchy. This would help to reduce noise from vehicle traffic and a minor positive is therefore likely for this SA objective. In addition, the policy requires proposals to be accompanied by a supporting Transport Assessment or Transport Statement where the development would generate significant trip generation providing detail about the impact on highway safety, air quality, noise and light restrictions.

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6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	The Draft Policy requires that new developments should form the basis of creating sustainable places that connect with each other and provide the correct infrastructure to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Linking developments via sustainable forms of transport should help to ensure that people have good access to services; therefore a minor positive is likely on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	The Draft Policy requires that new developments should consider the safety of pedestrian and cycle users by ensuring that new routes are not isolated from other activities and street users. This will help to reduce fear of crime and discourage antisocial behaviour. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+?	The Draft Policy expects new developments to facilitate connectivity and accessibility to existing and proposed public transport modes, cycling and walking routes. Both the cycling and walking routes could potentially be used for recreational purposes and therefore a minor positive effect could occur on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++/-	<p>The Draft Policy states that new development will not be permitted if it materially adds to highway safety problems. Additionally, if new developments are likely to result in significant trip generation, they are required to provide Travel Assessments and Travel Statements which would provide detail to the development's impact on highway safety; thus contributing to a significant positive effect on this SA objective.</p> <p>The Draft Policy identifies a user hierarchy: pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private car; thus promoting active and sustainable modes of transport. Additionally, the Draft Policy states that active modes of transport can be further encouraged by providing cycle racks and storage facilities on site. Furthermore, larger schemes require travel plans which encourage active and sustainable modes of transport; therefore having a significant positive on this SA objective. Moreover, new developments are to minimise conflict between vehicular traffic, pedestrians and cyclists increasing safety levels.</p> <p>However, the Draft Policy also states that new developments should also take into account private cars for both residents and visitors which could discourage the use of sustainable and active transport modes. A minor negative effect is therefore also identified (resulting in a mixed effect overall) on this SA objective.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	<p>The Draft Policy supports new development that utilises access on the existing transport network, thus reducing the need to construct new roads.</p> <p>Larger developments are to provide full details of the design and levels of proposed parking provision for both residents and visitors. They should demonstrate how the design and amount of parking is the most efficient use of land within the development as part of encouraging sustainable travel. As such, a minor positive is expected on this SA objective.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP21	Justification
of the landscape and townscape.		
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	<p>The Draft policy identifies a user hierarchy which requires new development designs to prioritise pedestrians followed by cyclists, then public transport and lastly private car use. Encouraging active and sustainable modes of transport will minimise emissions thus reducing air pollution.</p> <p>The Draft Policy also requires planning applications to cover surface water flooding and SUDS, which could reduce water pollution associated with surface water flooding. An overall minor positive effect is likely.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	The Draft Policy requires planning applications to take into account surface water flooding and SUDS, which could reduce surface runoff which in turn could reduce flood risk. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+/-	<p>A user hierarchy has been identified in the Draft Policy where new developments are to prioritise active modes of transport and public transport before the private car. Additionally, if a development is predicted to increase the need to travel and the existing road network is unable to accommodate this, the Draft Policy states that the development will not be permitted. Furthermore, planning applications are to outline electric car charging infrastructure. This would reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and a minor positive effect is likely overall.</p> <p>However, the Draft Policy also requires that new developments should take into account private cars for both residents and visitors which could encourage ongoing car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor negative effect is therefore also identified (resulting in mixed effects overall) on this SA objective.</p>

DLP22: Parking

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on a Supplementary Planning Document relating to parking.

SA Objectives	DLP22	RA1	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	?	<p>Long stay car parks will be managed to accommodate commuters, and therefore provide parking access for people travelling to work. Over time, the Draft Policy outlines that long stay car parks will be reduced in conjunction with sustainable transport improvements, so access to employment opportunities will not be compromised. As such a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to parking and how this could affect peoples' ability to access jobs and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	?	<p>The Draft Policy states that in town centres, car parks close to the main shopping area will be for short-stay use and peripheral car parks for long stay use. As such, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to the local economy.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to town centre car parking and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	?	<p>The aim of the Draft Policy is to over time discourage private car use and encourage sustainable transport use, which is likely to include active modes of transport such as walking and cycling, which can improve health. The Draft Policy requires that cycle parking is provided within new developments. Parking will also be provided to meet the needs of disabled people. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to parking and how this could affect levels of walking and cycling and car parking for disabled people; therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	?	<p>The aim of the Draft Policy is to discourage private car use and encourage the use of sustainable and active modes of transport, therefore reducing noise pollution associated with vehicle traffic. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to parking and how this could affect levels of car use and the associated noise; therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	++	?	The Draft Policy states that in town centres, car parks close to the main shopping area will be for short-stay use and peripheral car parks for long stay use, and they will have parking charges that will not undermine the vitality of the centres. This will help to ensure that people are easily able to access the services and facilities that are concentrated in the town centre and a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP22	RA1	Justification
			Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to town centre car parking and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	?	<p>The primary aim of the Draft Policy is to discourage private car use and encourage the use of sustainable and active modes of transport. Various measures are set out to achieve this, including gradual reductions in long stay parking in town centres in conjunction with improvements to sustainable transport opportunities. Cycling provision is also required in new developments. As such, a significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to car parking standards and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	?	<p>The measures set out in DLP22 seeking to reduce car use and encourage modal shift could have an indirect minor positive effect on biodiversity as a result of reduced air pollution.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to car parking standards and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	?	The measures set out in DLP22 seeking to reduce car use and encourage modal shift are expected to have a positive effect on reducing air pollution from vehicle traffic.

SA Objectives	DLP22	RA1	Justification
			Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to car parking standards and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	?	<p>The measures set out in DLP22 seeking to reduce car use and encourage modal shift are expected to have a positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic.</p> <p>Under RA1 it is unclear what the Supplementary Planning Document would provide for in relation to car parking standards and therefore an uncertain effect is identified.</p>

DLP23: Core Road and Bus Routes

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP23	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	++	0	<p>DLP23 seeks to ensure that the road network in Kirklees can support growth, by investing in key routes. This should help to ensure that economic growth can occur in the District and the associated job opportunities realised. While the policy refers to the road network, it also aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network and provide access to jobs for people without a car. Investment in the transport network may also in itself result in job creation. A significant positive effect is likely overall.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation	+	0	DLP23 seeks to ensure that the road network in Kirklees can support growth, by investing in key routes. This should help to ensure that economic growth can occur in the District. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

SA Objectives	DLP23	RA1	Justification
and Entrepreneurship.			To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	0	DLP23 aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network and provide easier access to education facilities, including for people without a car. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	DLP23 aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network and provide easier access to healthcare facilities, including for people without a car. It will also mean that people are more likely to walk and cycle, thereby increasing day to day levels of physical activity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+/-	0	Investment in the road and bus network may involve disruption including noise and light pollution in the short term, which could have a negative effect on this objective. However, the improvements in the longer term could help to reduce amenity issues associated with congestion and a mixed effect is likely overall. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	DLP23 aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network and provide easier access to services and facilities, including for people without a car. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and	+	0	DLP23 aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help

SA Objectives	DLP23	RA1	Justification
support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.			<p>to improve the sustainable transport network and provide easier access to recreational and cultural facilities, including for people without a car. It will also mean that people are more likely to walk and cycle as a recreation activity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++/-	0	<p>The primary purpose of this policy is to improve the transport network. It aims to ensure that traffic can be accommodated safely and conveniently. While the policy refers to improving the road network, which could have a minor negative effect in terms of facilitating and encouraging ongoing car use, it also aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++/-	0	<p>The primary purpose of this policy is to improve the transport network. It aims to ensure that traffic can be accommodated safely and conveniently. While the policy refers to improving the road network, which could have a minor negative effect in terms of facilitating and encouraging ongoing car use and the associated air pollution, it also aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network and so could reduce air pollution associated with car use. The reduction in congestion would also help to relieve pockets of poor air quality. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP23	RA1	Justification
			To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	++/-	0	<p>The primary purpose of this policy is to improve the transport network. It aims to ensure that traffic can be accommodated safely and conveniently. While the policy refers to improving the road network, which could have a minor negative effect in terms of facilitating and encouraging ongoing car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions, it also aims to improve bus routes and give priority to pedestrians, cyclists and buses, which will help to improve the sustainable transport network and so could reduce emissions from with car use. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is likely overall.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>

DLP24: Core walking and cycling network

SA Objectives	DLP24	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	0	<p>DLP24 would have a positive effect on access to employment opportunities as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network which will help to provide access to jobs. The policy specifically aims to connect employment sites with the walking and cycling network and seeks to link settlements and employment sites. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is</p>

SA Objectives	DLP24	RA1	RA2	Justification
				therefore likely. RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to linking people with employment sites. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	0	0	DLP24 would have a positive effect on access to education as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network which will help to provide access to schools and colleges, particularly for people without cars. The policy specifically aims to connect development sites with the sustainable transport network and seeks to link settlements and urban centres where the majority of schools and colleges are likely to be located. A positive effect is therefore likely. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely. RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to linking people with education facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	0	+	DLP24 would have a positive effect on access to healthcare facilities as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network which will help to provide access to GPs etc., particularly for people without cars. The policy specifically aims to connect development sites with the sustainable transport network and seeks to link settlements and urban centres where the majority of healthcare facilities are located. In addition, encouraging and facilitating cycling will help to increase levels of physical activity which can further benefit health. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport

SA Objectives	DLP24	RA1	RA2	Justification
				<p>network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network and could therefore result in higher levels of active transport, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to linking people with healthcare facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	0	<p>DLP24 would have a positive effect on access to services and facilities as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network which will help to provide access to services, particularly for people without cars. The policy specifically aims to connect development sites with the sustainable transport network and seeks to link settlements and urban centres where the majority of services and facilities are located. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to linking people with services and facilities. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	0	+	<p>DLP24 would have a positive effect on access to recreational and cultural facilities as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network. Encouraging and facilitating walking and cycling will enable more people to participate as a form of recreation. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is</p>

SA Objectives	DLP24	RA1	RA2	Justification
				therefore likely. RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network and could therefore result in higher levels of active recreation, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to linking people with recreational and cultural facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	0	+	The primary purpose of DLP24 is to provide people with good opportunities to walk and cycle in place of driving. The policy specifically aims to connect development sites with the sustainable transport network and seeks to link settlements and urban centres where the majority of jobs, services and facilities are located. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely. RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network and could therefore result in lower levels of car use, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to linking people with jobs, services and facilities. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP24	RA1	RA2	Justification
and geodiversity.				
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	0	<p>DLP24 would have a positive effect on reducing air pollution from vehicles as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network which will help to encourage modal shift. The policy specifically aims to connect development sites with the sustainable transport network and seeks to link settlements and urban centres. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to reduced air pollution from lower levels of car use. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP24	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither DLP24 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	0	<p>DLP24 would have a positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles as it seeks to protect and enhance the walking and cycling network which will help to encourage modal shift. The policy specifically aims to connect development sites with the sustainable transport network and seeks to link settlements and urban centres. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>To not have a policy in the Local Plan (RA1) would mean that opportunities to support the objectives of wider transport plans would be lost; however investment in the transport network would still come forward through other plans and strategies. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a generic policy relating to the whole public transport network – while this should still bring about improvements to the walking and cycling network, improvements would not focus on strategically connecting development sites which would mean that the positive effects are less likely in relation to reduced greenhouse gas emissions from lower levels of car use. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p>

Design policies (Chapter 10 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP25: Design

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF and NPPG.

SA Objectives	DLP25	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	<p>This policy option refers to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. Although it would not affect the number of employment opportunities in Kirklees the policy would require new developments to be adaptable to change, allowing for the accommodation of new infrastructure including access routes. The policy also specifically requires that development proposals allow for good access to high quality public transport facilities. As such it is expected that new developments (including those which provide employment opportunities in Kirklees) should be easily accessible to local residents. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Whilst this approach may not relate directly to the local characteristics of Kirklees it is not expected to have a negative effect on</p>

SA Objectives	DLP25	RA1	Justification
			issues relating to employment opportunities within the District and therefore a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither this draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither this draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. Although the policy would not provide for additional healthcare facilities within Kirklees it does promote the use of innovative building materials which can help to create warm and safe homes to the benefit of physical and mental health. The policy also promotes development which will encourage walkable neighbourhoods which may be of benefit to local people's health and wellbeing. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. This approach would not be directly related to the local characteristics of Kirklees however it is not expected that there would be a negative effect on health and wellbeing given that national policy would still be in place in relation to this issue. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy gives specific consideration to the amenity of residents and there is a requirement to allow for reasonable separation between buildings and development free buffer zones between areas of housing use and employment use. As such this approach should limit the potential for negative impacts on local amenity which might occur as a result of noise or light pollution for example. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. This approach would not be directly related to the local characteristics of Kirklees however it is not expected that it would have a negative effect given that national policy would still be in place in relation to amenity and design standards. As such a negligible effect on this SA objective is expected.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither this draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	0	This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy would attempt to reduce the risk of crime through design by incorporating enhanced and well-designed security features and promoting well-defined routes, over-looked streets and places in all development proposals. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP25	RA1	Justification
			Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. This approach would not be directly related to the local characteristics of Kirklees however it is not expected that it would have a negative effect on crime given that the national planning policy relating to designing out crime would still be in place. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy requires that the places created through the design of new development proposals are inclusive and accessible. Additionally development should contribute to the enhancement of the natural environment which may include the incorporation of open spaces into new developments. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. This approach would not be directly related to the local characteristics of Kirklees however given that national planning policy relating to design and the incorporation of open space into development would still apply, a negative impact is not likely. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	++	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District, including housing. This approach would require that innovative building materials and methods are used in new developments which may result in dwellings within Kirklees being of a particularly high standard in terms of warmth and safety. The draft policy would require developers to adhere to specific design codes and produce masterplans to guide development. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. This approach would not be directly related to the local characteristics of Kirklees however design guidance at a national level and other relevant policies in the Local Plan would still be applicable and as such a negligible rather than negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy requires that developments are accessible and inclusive, meeting the needs of all users (including disabled people). Development is also expected to promote walkable environments and also accommodate access to high quality public transport facilities through the policy. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. This approach would not be directly related to the local characteristics of Kirklees however national level policy which relates to</p>

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			sustainable transport would still be in place to guide development, as well as other relevant policies in the Local Plan, limiting potential for negative effects. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither this draft policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	<p>The primary purpose of this policy is to ensure that good design is incorporated into all development proposals in the District. The policy specifically requires that all development respects and enhances the character of the townscape and important views and vistas in Kirklees in terms of form, scale, layout and detail. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance relating to design and other relevant Local Plan policies would still be in place, a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy does not directly address the issue of the historic environment in Kirklees; however there is consideration for character and also construction materials within the policy text. As such the policy is likely to help protect not only the identified special character of Conservation Areas in Kirklees but also the settings of local designated historic assets. A minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant Local Plan policies in relation to the historic environment will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is recorded for this SA objective.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy requires that development proposals in Kirklees contribute toward the enhancement of the natural environment, support biodiversity and enhance ecological systems. Tree planting and the incorporation of vegetation into development proposals in also encourage and these features may benefit local biodiversity through the provision of additional habitats. As such a significant effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy requires that developments are designed to provide for the use of renewable energy. This approach may result in more properties in the District using energy provided from renewable sources

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			<p>reducing potential for air pollution derived from the burning of fossil fuels. New developments are also expected to incorporate opportunities for high quality public transport facilities thus potentially reducing need for journeys by private car in Kirklees. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
<p>16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.</p>	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy requires that good design includes measures to ensure buildings are resilient and resistant to flood risk. The policy also allows for the incorporation of green infrastructure into new proposals which may allow for increased infiltration thus minimising the potential for surface water flooding in the District. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
<p>17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.</p>	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy encourages the use of recycled materials when construction new buildings and also requires that new developments include facilities to separate and store recycling. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP25	RA1	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	+	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy would encourage design which allows for the incorporation of renewable energy opportunities, as well as promoting the use of recycled and reused building materials. The use of innovative building materials and techniques may also result in dwellings which have better heat retention which could result in more efficient energy use in the District. As such a positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	++	0	<p>This policy relates to the incorporation of good design into all development proposals in the District. The policy requires that developments are designed to provide for the use of renewable energy. This approach may result in more properties in the District using energy provided from renewable sources reducing potential for greenhouse gas emissions derived from the burning of fossil fuels. New developments are also expected to incorporate opportunities for high quality public transport facilities and allow for walkable environments thus potentially reducing need for journeys by private car in Kirklees. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address design issues in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF and NPPG. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>

DLP26: Advertisements and shop fronts

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the general design policy in the Plan, the NPPF and the NPPG.

RA2: A more prescriptive policy could be worded which set out specific design standards for certain shop fronts and advertisements across the district. Climate Change policies (Chapter 11 in the Draft Local Plan)

SA Objectives	DLP26	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	0	+/-	DLP26 would provide guidance on what type of signage is acceptable on new and existing developments in Kirklees. It would seek to maintain traditional shop frontages in most circumstances while new shop frontages would have to be of a high standard of design. This approach would help to maintain the character and identity of town centres which may

SA Objectives	DLP26	RA1	RA2	Justification
				<p>benefit their vitality to the benefit of the local retail economy. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy in the Local Plan addressing this issue. A negligible effect is likely rather than a negative effect as other relevant policies in the Local Plan and national guidance would still apply.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan – while this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP26 in relation to maintaining the character of town centres, thereby helping to conserve and enhance their economic vitality, the approach would be inflexible and could result in signage being inappropriate for its surroundings which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP26	RA1	RA2	Justification
use of land.				objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	++/-	<p>DLP26 would provide guidance on what type of signage is acceptable on new and existing developments in Kirklees. It seeks to maintain traditional shop frontages in most circumstances while new shop frontages would have to be of a high standard of design. This approach would help to maintain the character and identity of town centres. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would rely on other design policies in the Local Plan as well as national planning policy to address the issue of shop fronts and advertisements in the District. These policies would not specifically address the issue of shop fronts and advertisements in Kirklees; however negative effects are not expected. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would provide more specific design standards on what types of shop fronts and advertisements would be acceptable across the District, for example requiring new shop fronts in Conservation Areas to be made solely from timber. Although this approach would help to maintain and improve the character of shop fronts this prescriptive policy would be less likely to be able to adapt to local circumstances and so could result in inappropriate signage. An overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	0	++/-	<p>This policy would provide guidance on what type of signage is acceptable on new and existing developments in Kirklees. It promotes the maintenance of existing shop fronts, while shop fronts and advertisements within Conservation Areas and on Listed Buildings should preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would rely on other design policies in the Local Plan as well as national planning policy to address the issue of shop fronts and advertisements in the District. These policies would not specifically address the issue of shop fronts and advertisements in Kirklees; however negative effects are not expected. As such a negligible effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would provide more specific design standards in relation to what types of shop fronts and advertisements would be acceptable across the District, for example requiring new shop fronts in Conservation Areas or within a historic setting to be made solely from timber. As such this approach should prevent the historic environment from being detrimentally affected by unsympathetic shop fronts or advertisements. However, this prescriptive policy would be less likely to be able to adapt to local circumstances and so could result in</p>

SA Objectives	DLP26	RA1	RA2	Justification
				inappropriate signage which could adversely affect local historic character. An overall mixed effect (significant positive/minor negative) is expected on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Climate Change policies (Chapter 11 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP27: Renewable and low carbon energy

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: More detailed policy with specific targets.

RA2: A policy which identifies particular areas as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development.

SA Objectives	DLP27	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP27	RA1	RA2	Justification
increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.				
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+?	+?	+	<p>DLP27 requires that proposals for renewable and low carbon energy do not have an unacceptable impact on local amenity including in relation to noise. Therefore, a positive effect is likely although this is uncertain because the policy wording implies that some level of impact may be permitted. It is assumed that the impacts of specific renewable energy proposals in relation to noise and amenity would be assessed at the planning application stage.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. It is assumed that the same criteria in relation to amenity would still apply and it is again assumed that the effects of particular proposals would be assessed as part of the planning application; therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is still identified.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development. This approach could enable a high level assessment of where amenity impacts may be least likely to occur as part of the process of identifying broad appropriate levels. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP27	RA1	RA2	Justification
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+?	+?	+	<p>DLP27 requires that proposals for renewable and low carbon energy do not have an unacceptable impact on landscape character in relation to the visual appearance of the local area, including impacts on the urban environment. It also states that the statutory protection of any area must not be compromised, which is taken to include statutory protected landscapes such as the Peak District National Park. Therefore, a positive effect is likely although this is uncertain because the policy wording implies that some level of impact may be permitted. It is assumed that the impacts of specific renewable energy proposals in relation to the landscape would be assessed at the planning application stage.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. It is assumed that the same criteria in relation to the landscape and townscape would still apply and it is again assumed that the effects of particular proposals would be assessed as part of the planning application; therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is still identified.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development. This approach would enable a high level assessment of where landscape-related impacts may be least likely to occur as part of the process of identifying broad appropriate levels. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+?	+?	+	<p>DLP27 requires that proposals for renewable and low carbon energy do not have an unacceptable impact on landscape, including impacts on the urban environment. While there is no specific reference to impacts on heritage features, this is taken to cover impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas etc. and their setting. The policy also states that the statutory protection of any area must not be compromised, which is taken to include statutory protected heritage features. Therefore, a positive effect is likely although this is uncertain because the policy wording implies that some level of impact may be permitted. It is assumed that the impacts of specific renewable energy proposals in relation to the historic environment would be assessed at the planning application stage.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. It is assumed that the same criteria in relation to impacts on the built environment would still apply and it is again assumed that the effects of</p>

SA Objectives	DLP27	RA1	RA2	Justification
				<p>particular proposals would be assessed as part of the planning application; therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is still identified.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development. This approach would enable a high level assessment of where cultural heritage-related impacts may be least likely to occur as part of the process of identifying broad appropriate levels. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+?	+?	+	<p>DLP27 requires that proposals for renewable and low carbon energy must not compromise the statutory protection of any area, which is taken to include statutory biodiversity designations although specific reference is not made within the policy to the protection of biodiversity. Therefore, a positive effect is likely although this is uncertain because the policy wording implies that some level of impact may be permitted. It is assumed that the impacts of specific renewable energy proposals in relation to biodiversity would be assessed at the planning application stage.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. It is assumed that the same criteria in relation to protecting statutory designations would still apply and it is again assumed that the effects of particular proposals would be assessed as part of the planning application; therefore a potential but uncertain minor positive effect is still identified.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development. This approach would enable a high level assessment of where biodiversity-related impacts may be least likely to occur as part of the process of identifying broad appropriate levels. A positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	+/-	++	<p>DLP27 provides broad support for proposals for renewable and low carbon energy generation provided that the specified criteria are met. Increasing renewable energy generation will have positive effects on air quality and a positive effect is likely. It is assumed that the impacts of specific renewable energy proposals in relation to water and soil quality would be assessed at the planning application stage.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. While this may help to ensure that at least a minimum level of energy is generated from renewable sources, it may in fact set an upper expectation of delivery when in fact higher levels could be achieved. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for</p>

SA Objectives	DLP27	RA1	RA2	Justification
				renewable energy development. This approach could go even further than DLP27 in relation to encouraging proposals to come forward and providing clarity for developers and thereby benefitting air quality. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP27	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	++	++/-	++	<p>DLP27 provides broad support for proposals for renewable and low carbon energy generation provided that the specified criteria are met; therefore a significant positive effect is likely in relation to energy efficiency.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. While this may help to ensure that at least a minimum level of energy is generated from renewable sources, it may in fact set an upper expectation of delivery when in fact higher levels could be achieved. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development. This approach could go even further than DLP27 in relation to encouraging proposals to come forward and providing clarity for developers and thereby benefitting energy efficiency. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	++	++/-	++	<p>DLP27 provides broad support for proposals for renewable and low carbon energy generation provided that the specified criteria are met; therefore a significant positive effect is likely in relation to climate change mitigation.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having a more specific policy in the Local Plan, setting out specific targets for renewable energy generation. While this may help to ensure that at least a minimum level of energy is generated from renewable sources, it may in fact set an upper expectation of delivery when in fact higher levels could be achieved. A mixed (significant positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve identifying particular areas of the district as being potentially suitable for renewable energy development. This approach could go even further than DLP27 in relation to encouraging proposals to come forward and providing clarity for developers and thereby benefitting climate change mitigation. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p>

DLP28: Flood risk

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: To directly reflect the NPPF flood zones and not refer to flood zone 3a(i).

SA Objectives	DLP28	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation. While the criteria set out in DLP28 could prove restrictive to commercial developments in certain locations, developments in areas of inappropriately high flood risk would not be suitable areas for job creation anyway.

SA Objectives	DLP28	RA1	Justification
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	+?	<p>While the criteria set out in DLP28 could prove restrictive to commercial developments in certain locations, developments in areas of inappropriately high flood risk would not be suitable areas for economic development anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Kirklees and ensuring that development is appropriately located will reduce the potential for economic losses to result from flooding and a positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on the local economy, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	+?	<p>Reducing the extent of flood risk in Kirklees and ensuring that development is appropriately located will reduce the potential for education facilities to be affected by flooding, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on education facilities, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	+?	<p>DLP28 seeks to manage flood risk in Kirklees by ensuring that development is not located in areas of inappropriately high flood risk; therefore a positive effect on health is likely as the risk of people's physical and mental health and wellbeing being affected by flooding is reduced. In addition, if open spaces are incorporated into developments to mitigate flood risk, these can encourage active outdoor recreation. The risk of flooding facing the district, including healthcare facilities, will also be reduced.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on healthcare facilities, and could still result in the provision of areas of open space that can be used for active recreation, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	+?	While the criteria set out in DLP28 could prove restrictive to development in certain locations, sites in areas of inappropriately high flood risk would not be suitable areas for the provision of services and facilities anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Kirklees and ensuring that development is

SA Objectives	DLP28	RA1	Justification
			<p>appropriately located will reduce the potential for services and facilities to be affected by flooding, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on services and facilities, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+?	+?	<p>DLP28 could have a positive effect on open space provision, if the mitigation measures that may be required within developments were to include areas of open green space that can be used for recreational purposes. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. This would not affect the potential of the policy to provide for open space with the associated benefits for recreation, and the effect is therefore the same as for DLP28.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	+?	<p>While the criteria set out in DLP28 could prove restrictive to residential developments in certain locations, sites in areas of inappropriately high flood risk would not be suitable areas for housing development anyway. Reducing the extent of flood risk in Kirklees and ensuring that development is appropriately located will reduce the potential for peoples' homes to be affected by flooding, thereby improving their quality, and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on residential properties, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	+?	<p>DLP28 seeks to manage flood risk in Kirklees by ensuring that development is not located in areas of inappropriately high flood risk; therefore a positive effect on the transport network is likely as the risk of such infrastructure being affected by flooding is reduced.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on the transport network, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to</p>

SA Objectives	DLP28	RA1	Justification
			what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+?	+?	<p>DLP28 could have a positive effect on this objective if the mitigation measures that may be required within developments were to include areas of open green space that have wider benefits for the character and appearance of the development and its setting in the wider townscape. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. This would not affect the potential of the policy to provide for open space with the associated benefits for the landscape and townscape, and the effect is therefore the same as for DLP28.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	+?	<p>DLP28 seeks to manage flood risk in Kirklees by ensuring that development is not located in areas of inappropriately high flood risk; therefore a positive effect on the cultural heritage is likely as the risk of assets such as listed buildings being affected by flooding is reduced.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on historic assets, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+?	+?	<p>DLP28 could have a positive effect on biodiversity if the mitigation measures that may be required within developments were to include areas of open green space that have benefits for habitat creation and connectivity. It is also stated that proposals involving building over existing culverts or the culverting or canalisation of water courses will not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that there will be no detrimental effect biodiversity. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. This would not affect the potential of the policy to provide for open space with the associated benefits for biodiversity, and the effect is therefore the same as for DLP28.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	+?	<p>DLP28 seeks to manage flood risk in Kirklees by ensuring that development is not located in areas of inappropriately high flood risk and incorporates appropriate mitigation; therefore a positive effect on protecting water quality is likely as the risk of water quality being affected by flooding is reduced.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding and therefore the potential for impacts on water quality, it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what</p>

SA Objectives	DLP28	RA1	Justification
			development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	++	++?	<p>The primary purpose of the measures set out in DLP28 is to reduce and manage flood risk in Kirklees, by requiring developments to be sited in lower flood risk areas where possible (adhering to the sequential test set out in national policy) and to incorporate appropriate mitigation. DLP28 reflects the flood zones set out in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA), which take into account the fact that in Kirklees there are areas of flood zone 3b which already contain development so cannot perform their role as the functional floodplain. Reflecting this approach in the policy means that it is locally applicable and the policy sets out specific criteria for managing flood risk in those areas.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not reflecting flood zone 3a(i) as defined in the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Kirklees in this policy. While this approach would still have a positive effect in relation to reducing the risk of flooding it would not be locally specific and therefore may be less effective as the policy would not include specific criteria relating to what development is appropriate in flood zone 3a(i). The potential significant positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	Neither DLP28 nor the alternative option is expected to have a direct effect on job creation. While this policy relates to flood risk management, this refers to how Kirklees addresses the impacts of climate change and is addressed under SA objective 16 above.

DLP29: Drainage

No reasonable alternative options have been identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy.

SA Objectives	DLP29	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP29	Justification
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	The measures in the Draft Policy seek to ensure that drainage is appropriately dealt with in developments and encourages the use of SuDS. This will help to reduce the risk of flooding which can otherwise have adverse impacts on peoples' physical and mental health and wellbeing. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	The measures in the Draft Policy seek to ensure that drainage is appropriately dealt with in developments and encourages the use of SuDS – these can have biodiversity benefits, for example if they involve habitat creation. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	The measures in the Draft Policy seek to ensure that drainage is appropriately dealt with in developments and encourages the use of SuDS in order to bring about improvements in water quality. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new	++	The primary purpose of this Draft Policy is to reduce the risk of flooding by ensuring that drainage is addressed in

SA Objectives	DLP29	Justification
development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.		developments and SuDS incorporated. The policy requires demonstration that surface water management solutions are designed to meet the requirements of developments over their lifetimes and there must be proposals for water storage which meet national standards and best practice. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP30: Management of water bodies

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP30	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	The Draft Policy would have a minor positive effect on this objective as it seeks to ensure that water bodies within development sites are managed appropriately so as to ensure the safety of residents. This will help to ensure that peoples' health and wellbeing is not adversely affected by the risks associated with unmanaged water bodies.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and	+	There are in excess of 150 smaller water bodies (with a capacity between 500 and 25,000m ³) within Kirklees. Where

SA Objectives	DLP30	Justification
support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.		a new development site encompasses a water body, the Draft Policy requires that these should be preserved, managed and maintained for the benefit for the local community. This could result in the provision of attractive recreational space and therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	The Draft Policy requires that development proposals on a site which contains a water body retain that water body – this is likely to have a positive effect on the appearance of the development and its landscape setting, particularly as the Draft Policy also requires that water bodies are appropriately managed over the long-term. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	The Draft Policy states that there needs to be careful consideration of the biodiversity implications of a development proposal on a site which contains a water body, and that water bodies on such sites should normally be retained. The appropriate management of water bodies is also required over the long-term. This will help to ensure that valuable aquatic habitats are maintained and remain in good condition, and that development proposals do not have adverse impacts on biodiversity. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	The requirements within this draft policy for development proposals to include a future management plan for any onsite water bodies should help to ensure that water quality is maintained, and the measures in the policy that would help to manage the risk of flooding will help to avoid potential water pollution that could otherwise result. A minor positive is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	++	The Draft Policy requires that where development proposals include a water body, there needs to be careful consideration of the potential flood risk. Additionally, the Draft Policy requires that raised ponds should have specific operational plans that would manage the ongoing flood risk from dam failure. The retention of water bodies will also help to manage flood risk by providing space for water storage. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP30	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Natural Environment policies (Chapter 12 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP31: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP31	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	-?	The Draft Policy could have a minor negative effect on employment opportunities, if the criteria aiming to protect biodiversity and geodiversity were to restrict commercial developments. However, this is uncertain depending on whether such developments are eventually affected in this way.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	-?	The Draft Policy could have a minor negative effect on economic growth, if the criteria aiming to protect biodiversity and geodiversity were to restrict commercial developments. However, this is uncertain depending on whether such developments are eventually affected in this way.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP31	Justification
recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.		
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-?	The Draft Policy could have a minor negative effect on housing provision, if the criteria aiming to protect biodiversity and geodiversity were to restrict residential developments. However, this is uncertain depending on whether such developments are eventually affected in this way.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+?	The Draft Policy seeks to protect biodiversity and geodiversity in Kirklees. This may have an indirect minor positive effect on the efficient use of land as a result of development being steered to brownfield sites, on the basis of biodiversity considerations (although brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity). A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+?	The Draft Policy seeks to protect biodiversity and geodiversity in Kirklees. This may have an indirect minor positive effect on protecting local character as a result of development being steered to brownfield sites on the basis of biodiversity considerations (although brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity). In addition, measures to incorporate biodiversity enhancements in new developments (e.g. green infrastructure, water bodies etc.) may have wider benefits in relation to the appearance of the development. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	The primary aim of the Draft Policy is to protect biodiversity and geodiversity in Kirklees, particularly the designated sites in the District. As such development which affects designated sites (including SSSIs, Local Wildlife Sites and Local Geological Sites) adversely is not to be permitted in most situations. While there are some exceptions (i.e. if the development is of overriding public interest), any impacts must be mitigated or compensatory measures implemented. Additionally new development is required to incorporate and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity interest through design where relevant. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+?	The Draft Policy seeks to protect biodiversity and geodiversity in Kirklees. This may have an indirect minor positive effect on reducing flood risk as a result of development being steered to brownfield sites, on the basis of biodiversity considerations (although brownfield sites can still harbour valuable biodiversity). This could mean that there is less likelihood of permeable land being lost to development. In addition, measures to incorporate biodiversity enhancements in new developments (e.g. green infrastructure, water bodies etc.) may have wider benefits in relation to flood risk mitigation. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA

SA Objectives	DLP31	Justification
		objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP32: Strategic green infrastructure

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP32	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	The Draft Policy could have a minor positive effect on health, as protecting and enhancing green infrastructure should encourage and facilitate active outdoor recreation as well as walking and cycling, which can help to ensure that people lead more active lifestyles.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of	++	The primary purpose of the Draft policy is to safeguard land for the provision of green infrastructure, which will help to ensure that attractive and appropriate spaces are available for people to participate in active outdoor recreation. The Draft Policy requires developments to design and integrate green infrastructure into the development and

SA Objectives	DLP32	Justification
open space and encourage their usage.		developments that would compromise the function and connectivity of green infrastructure will not be permitted. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	The Draft Policy should have a minor positive effect on sustainable transport use in Kirklees as it supports the provision of green infrastructure, which can include walking and cycle routes. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	Conserving and enhancing green infrastructure is likely to have a significant positive effect on the appearance of developments and their setting within the wider landscape.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	Conserving and enhancing green infrastructure is likely to have a positive effect on the setting of heritage features, as it will improve the setting of development and the appearance of the wider landscape within which heritage features sit. The identified areas of strategic green infrastructure include a number of heritage features including large numbers of listed buildings, and Castle Hill Scheduled Monument lies within one of the areas of strategic green infrastructure. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	Green infrastructure has significant biodiversity benefits and conserving and enhancing green infrastructure within the identified areas will help to provide habitat and ensure habitat connectivity, avoiding fragmentation as a result of new development. The identified areas of strategic green infrastructure include a number of designated biodiversity sites including Local Wildlife Sites. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	The Draft Policy should have a minor positive effect on encouraging sustainable transport use in Kirklees as it supports the provision of green infrastructure, which can include walking and cycle routes. This should help to reduce air pollution from car transport and a minor positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	Ensuring that green infrastructure is protected and enhanced, and incorporated into new development proposals, will help to ensure that areas of permeable surfaces are retained, supporting infiltration and helping to manage flood risk. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP32	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	The Draft Policy should have a minor positive effect on encouraging sustainable transport use in Kirklees as it supports the provision of green infrastructure, which can include walking and cycle routes. This should help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from car transport and a minor positive effect is therefore likely.

DLP33: Landscape

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP33	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP33	Justification
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	The primary aim of this Draft Policy is to ensure that development proposals take into account and seek to enhance the landscape character of the area, taking into account views in and out of the Peak District National Park, the setting of settlements and buildings, patterns of woodland and trees and the appearance of rivers, canals, reservoirs and other water features. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	The Draft Policy seeks to enhance the landscape character of the area, taking into account views in and out of the Peak District National Park, the setting of settlements and buildings, patterns of woodland and trees and the appearance of rivers, canals, reservoirs and other water features. This could have an indirect minor positive effect on the historic environment by conserving and enhancing the setting of heritage features and helping to retain historic landscape character.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP34: Trees

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing.

SA Objectives	DLP34	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP34	RA1	Justification
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	DLP34 requires development proposals to normally retain valuable or important trees within the application site, where they make a contribution to the aesthetics of the area and the distinctiveness of the location. A minor positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Trees. While the measures in DLP34 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies relating to the landscape, green infrastructure and biodiversity would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	0	The primary purpose of this Draft Policy is to protect trees. DLP34 requires development proposals to normally retain valuable or important trees within the application site, where they contribute to the environment including the wildlife habitat network. A significant positive effect on this objective is therefore likely. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Trees. While the measures in DLP34 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies relating to biodiversity would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP34	RA1	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	DLP34 requires development proposals to normally retain valuable or important trees within the application site, where they make a contribution to the aesthetics of the area and the distinctiveness of the location or the wildlife habitat network. Retaining trees is expected to have minor positive effects on climate change mitigation. RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing Trees. While the measures in DLP34 would not apply, national level policy in the NPPF and other Local Plan policies relating to climate change would still be in place. A negligible effect is therefore likely.

DLP35: Conserving and enhancing the water environment

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP35	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	The Draft Policy seeks to conserve and enhance the water environment and provides for measures that will help to reduce the risk of flooding and water pollution which could otherwise have adverse impacts on local peoples' health. A minor positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP35	Justification
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	The Draft Policy seeks to conserve and enhance the water environment – this is likely to have a positive effect on aquatic biodiversity. The policy specifies that proposals will be supported which conserve and enhance the ecological value of the water environment including watercourse corridors; therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	The primary aim of the Draft Policy is to conserve and enhance the water environment including water quality. The policy includes a range of measures seeking to achieve this, including stating that proposals will be supported where they conserve and enhance water quality and contribute towards achieving good status under the Water Framework Directive. A significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	The Draft Policy seeks to conserve and enhance the water environment and includes a number of measures which will help to reduce flood risk, including encouraging the incorporation of SuDS in developments and the provision of soakaways. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP35	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	++	The Draft Policy seeks to conserve and enhance the water environment and stipulates that proposals will be supported which manage water demand and improve water efficiency, therefore a significant positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy is not expected to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Historic Environment policies (Chapter 13 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP36: Historic environment

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy in the Local Plan specifically relating to the Historic Environment and instead deal with the issue through the Design policy.

SA Objectives	DLP36	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP36	RA1	Justification
behaviour and the fear of crime.			
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	DLP36 sets out measures to conserve and enhance the historic environment, some of which will benefits wider local character and the townscape. For example, it requires development proposals to maintain and reinforce local distinctiveness. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would have a negligible effect as while a specific historic environment policy would not be included in the Local Plan, the issue would be covered to some extent under the Design policy and in national policy. Therefore a negligible rather than negative effect would be likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	++	0	The primary purpose of DLP36 is to conserve and enhance heritage features, and the policy sets out various measures for achieving this. All development proposals must conserve the significance of both designated and non-designated heritage assets and proposals for new development within Conservation Areas must conserve the elements which contribute to the significance of the Conservation Area. Innovative design is encouraged, where it would not prejudice the significance of heritage assets. A significant positive effect is therefore likely. RA1 would have a negligible effect as while a specific historic environment policy would not be included in the Local Plan, the issue would be covered to some extent under the Design policy and in national policy. Therefore a negligible rather than negative effect would be likely.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objectives	DLP36	RA1	Justification
development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.			objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	<p>The policy refers to measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change, stating that opportunities to do so (including through the use of new technologies) should be taken where they do not harm the significance of heritage assets. Where conflict cannot be avoided it is stated that the benefits of the measure would be balanced with the potential harm to the significance of the heritage asset(s). A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would have a negligible effect as while a specific historic environment policy would not be included in the Local Plan, the issue would be covered to some extent under the Design policy and in national policy. Therefore a negligible rather than negative effect would be likely.</p>

Minerals policies (Chapter 14 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP37: Mineral extraction

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP37	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local	+	This Draft Policy states that proposals for mineral extraction will be considered, having regard to the impact on human

SA Objectives	DLP37	Justification
people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.		health. The policy states that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not cause nuisance or materially significant disturbance to local residents as a consequence of the generation of dust, noise or vibration by site operations or associated transport. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	++	This Draft Policy sets out criteria for proposals to explore for or extract minerals, stating that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not cause nuisance or materially significant disturbance to local residents as a consequence of the generation of dust, noise or vibration by site operations or associated transport. Proposals will also be considered having regard to the impact on residential amenity. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria for proposals to explore for or extract minerals, stating that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not cause materially significant permanent change to local rights of way networks. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that proposals for mineral extraction demonstrate the presence of minerals and states that applications should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria for proposals to explore for or extract minerals, stating that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not cause unacceptable detriment to landscape or local visual amenity during or subsequent to extraction. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage	+	This Draft Policy states that proposals for mineral extraction will be considered, having regard to the impact on local heritage assets. The policy outlines that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not be materially

SA Objectives	DLP37	Justification
assets and their settings.		detrimental to interests of cultural heritage or archaeological importance. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	This Draft Policy states that proposals for mineral extraction will be considered having regard to the impact on the environment. The policy outlines that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not be materially detrimental to interests of nature conservation or geological importance. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	This Draft Policy states that proposals for mineral extraction will be considered having regard to the impact on the environment including water resources and the best and most versatile agricultural land. The policy outlines that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not: result in pollution of water resources or soils; or result in permanent loss of best and most versatile agricultural land; or cause nuisance or materially significant disturbance to local residents as a consequence of the generation of dust, noise or vibration by site operations or associated transport. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	This Draft Policy states that proposals for mineral extraction will be considered, having regard to the impact on the environment including water resources. The policy outlines that proposals will be permitted provided that they would not result in the interruption of land drainage. The policy also states that applications to extract minerals should be accompanied by sufficient information to demonstrate that such unacceptable impacts would not occur, or could be satisfactorily controlled. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP38: Site restoration and aftercare

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing and rely on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP38	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP38	RA1	Justification
ensure that they are accessible.			
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	0	This Draft Policy requires restoration proposals to include where appropriate, measures to provide educational opportunities to visit such restored sites. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	This Draft Policy states that mineral working will be permitted only where the proposed site restoration delivers benefits such as improved public access. The policy also sets out that restoration proposals should include where appropriate, opportunities to provide for local amenity uses, including appropriate sport and recreational uses. These benefits and opportunities support the ability for people to improve their health through improved public access and sport and recreational uses. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	0	This Draft Policy states that mineral working will be permitted only where the proposed site restoration delivers benefits such as improved public access. The policy also sets out that restoration proposals should include where appropriate, opportunities to provide for local amenity uses, including appropriate sport and recreational uses. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.
9. Ensure all people are able to live	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP38	RA1	Justification
in a decent home which meets their needs.			
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	0	<p>This Draft Policy outlines that restoration proposals for mineral workings should be designed to: clearly indicate how the site will be restored and managed, before during and after working; and ensure that restoration is completed at the earliest opportunity including the use of progressive restoration techniques where appropriate. It is also specified that where sites include high quality agricultural land, proposals should include measures to restore land back to agriculture. These measures will support the efficient and prudent use of land and a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	0	<p>This Draft Policy sets out that mineral working will be permitted only where the Council is satisfied that the site can be restored and managed to a high standard, the proposed restoration is sympathetic to the character and setting of the wider area and is capable of sustaining an appropriate after-use. The policy also states that restoration proposals for mineral workings should be designed to ensure that restoration and aftercare is appropriate with regard to the characteristics of the site's surroundings. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	++	0	<p>This Draft Policy sets out that mineral working will be permitted only where the Council is satisfied that the site can be restored and managed to a high standard, the proposed restoration is sympathetic to the character and setting of the wider area and is capable of sustaining an appropriate after-use. The policy also sets out that mineral working will be permitted only where the proposed site restoration delivers benefits such as enhancement of biodiversity interests. Restoration proposals should therefore also include measures to assist or achieve priority habitat or species targets and/or biodiversity Action Plan targets. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local</p>

SA Objectives	DLP38	RA1	Justification
			Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	0	This Draft Policy sets out that restoration proposals should include provision for increased flood storage capacity for sites which fall within high flood risk areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan, providing less clarity on site restoration and aftercare. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither this Draft Policy nor the alternative option would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	This Draft Policy sets out that mineral working will be permitted only where the proposed site restoration delivers benefits such as the provision of climate change mitigation. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

DLP39: Minerals safeguarding

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Remove the need for buffers.

RA2: Safeguard the entire mineral resource.

SA Objectives	DLP39	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP39	RA1	RA2	Justification
access the health and social care they need.				
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-?	-?	--?	<p>DLP39 involves safeguarding minerals through the designation of mineral safeguarding areas and the use of additional buffers, which may have a minor negative effect on housing delivery if this approach were to restrict residential developments coming forward in such areas, which are unable to demonstrate the criteria outlined in the policy. A potential uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>Under RA1, mineral safeguarding areas would be used but the need for buffers would be removed. Even with this removal, RA1 may still have a minor negative effect on housing delivery due to the mineral safeguarding areas potentially restricting residential developments coming forward in such areas, which are unable to meet the criteria outlined in the policy. A potential uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>Under RA2 the entire mineral resource would be safeguarded, irrespective of mineral type. While this approach would help ensure a significant resource is not needlessly sterilised, this would also include safeguarding within the urban area and international designations, therefore further restricting the areas in which residential developments can come forward. A potential uncertain significant negative effect is therefore identified.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP39	RA1	RA2	Justification
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	++	+	++	<p>DLP39 outlines the criteria that need to be demonstrated to allow surface development to be permitted in a mineral safeguarding area, also outlining certain buffers for different mineral resources. This ensures the efficient use of minerals as a resource, safeguarding them for future use. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 mineral safeguarding areas will still be in place, however, the additional safeguarding buffers for clay and shale or sand and gravel, and sandstone or coal will be removed. This could lead to non-mineral development occurring in locations that sterilise nearby mineral resource, therefore reducing the protection provided to raw material use. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA2 the entire mineral resource will be safeguarded, irrespective of mineral type. Thereby providing the greatest level of safeguarding to minerals in Kirklees by ensuring a significant resource is not needlessly sterilised. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p>
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP40: Protecting existing and planned minerals infrastructure

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP40	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+/-?	This Draft Policy involves safeguarding existing and planned minerals infrastructure. This may have a minor negative effect on job creation if this approach were to restrict commercial developments coming forward at such sites which would otherwise result in job creation. However, it may also have a minor positive effect on job creation if former sites safeguarded, as they may potentially provide facilities again in the future, come forward for new development associated with the transport, storage, handling and processing of minerals. An uncertain mixed (minor positive/negative) effect is therefore identified.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+/-?	This Draft Policy involves safeguarding existing and planned minerals infrastructure. This may have a minor negative effect on the economy if this approach were to restrict commercial developments coming forward at such sites. However, it may also have a minor positive effect on economy if former sites safeguarded, as they may potentially provide facilities again in the future, come forward for new development associated with the transport, storage, handling and processing of minerals which can have economic benefits. An uncertain mixed (minor positive/negative) effect is therefore identified.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-?	This Draft Policy involves safeguarding existing and planned minerals infrastructure, which may have a minor negative effect on housing delivery if this approach were to restrict residential developments coming forward at such sites. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.

SA Objectives	DLP40	Justification
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	One of the purposes of this Draft Policy is to protect existing and planned minerals infrastructure associated with the transport, storage, handling and processing of minerals within the district, thereby avoiding the need to export minerals outside of the district to process and distribute the final product. Without this infrastructure being within the district, mineral would travel longer journeys by HGV therefore increasing associated air pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	One of the purposes of this Draft Policy is to protect existing and planned minerals infrastructure associated with the transport, storage, handling and processing of minerals within the district, thereby avoiding the need to export minerals outside of the district to process and distribute the final product. Without this infrastructure being within the district, mineral would travel longer journeys by HGV therefore increasing associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

DLP41: Alternative development on protected minerals infrastructure sites

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Do nothing

SA Objectives	DLP41	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	-	<p>This Draft Policy supports alternative development on sites, or safeguarded minerals infrastructure sites, if applicants can demonstrate certain criteria including that the site's use as a mineral infrastructure site is no longer economically viable, or there is already adequate provision meeting the need elsewhere. This policy may have positive effects on job creation if applicants can demonstrate the required criteria and undertake alternative development on a site that was uneconomically viable. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing) would not provide the flexibility to allow for the reuse of redundant sites that are no longer economically viable to bring back into use for their intended purpose. This could have a minor negative effect on the economy and associated job creation.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	-	<p>This Draft Policy supports alternative development on sites, or safeguarded mineral sites, if applicants can demonstrate certain criteria, including that the sites use as a mineral infrastructure site is no longer economically viable, or there is already adequate provision meeting the need elsewhere. This policy may have positive effects on economy if applicants can demonstrate the required criteria and undertake alternative development on a site that was uneconomically viable. A potential uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing) would not provide the flexibility to allow for the reuse of redundant sites that are no longer economically viable to bring back into use for their intended purpose. This could have a minor negative effect on the economy.</p>
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP41	RA1	Justification
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	-	<p>This Draft Policy supports alternative development on protected minerals infrastructure sites whereby applicants can demonstrate specific criteria, including for example that there is an overriding need for the development. This may have a minor positive effect on housing delivery if this approach were to allow residential developments to come forward at such sites. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing) would not provide the flexibility to allow for the reuse of redundant sites that are no longer economically viable to bring back into use for their intended purpose. This could have a minor negative effect on housing delivery.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP41	RA1	Justification
close to source.			
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP42: Proposals for exploration and appraisal of hydrocarbons

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP42	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	This Draft Policy would permit proposals for exploration and appraisal of onshore oil and gas in line with the specified criteria, which include the need to ensure that any adverse impacts can be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority, with safeguards to protect amenity interests put in place as necessary. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP42	Justification
recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.		
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	This Draft Policy would permit proposals for exploration and appraisal of onshore oil and gas in line with the specified criteria, which include the need to ensure that well sites and associated facilities are located in the least sensitive areas from which the target reservoir can be accessed; and that any adverse impacts can be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority, with safeguards to protect environmental interests put in place as necessary. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This Draft Policy would permit proposals for exploration and appraisal of onshore oil and gas in line with the specified criteria, which include the need to ensure that well sites and associated facilities are located in the least sensitive areas from which the target reservoir can be accessed; and that any adverse impacts can be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority, with safeguards to protect environmental interests put in place as necessary – this is taken to include impacts on the historic environment. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	This Draft Policy would permit proposals for exploration and appraisal of onshore oil and gas in line with the specified criteria, which include the need to ensure that any adverse impacts can be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority, with safeguards to protect environmental interests put in place as necessary – this is taken to include impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity. It is also required that it can be demonstrated that there would be no adverse impact on the underlying integrity of the geological structure. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	This Draft Policy would permit proposals for exploration and appraisal of onshore oil and gas in line with the specified criteria, which include the need to ensure that well sites and associated facilities are located in the least sensitive areas from which the target reservoir can be accessed; and any adverse impacts can be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority, with safeguards to protect environmental interests put in place as necessary – this is taken to include impacts on air, water and soil pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP42	Justification
contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.		
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP43: Proposals for the production of hydrocarbons

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP43	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that extraction, processing, dispatch and transport facilities must be sited, designed and operated to minimise amenity impacts. The policy criteria also include the need for any adverse impacts, both individual and cumulative to be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP43	Justification
behaviour and the fear of crime.		
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	The Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that transport facilities are sited, designed and operated to minimise environmental and amenity impacts. The policy criteria prioritise the use of pipelines and rail for hydrocarbon production. However, where road transportation is the only feasible option, it should be demonstrated that this would not give rise to unacceptable impacts on the environment or highway safety. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that extraction, processing, dispatch and transport facilities are sited, designed and operated to minimise environmental impacts and provide proportionate environmental enhancements – this is taken to include impacts in relation to the landscape and townscape. The policy criteria also include the need for any adverse impacts, both individual and cumulative to be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that extraction, processing, dispatch and transport facilities are sited, designed and operated to minimise environmental impacts and provide proportionate environmental enhancements – this is taken to include impacts in relation to the historic environment. The policy criteria also include the need for any adverse impacts, both individual and cumulative to be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that extraction, processing, dispatch and transport facilities are sited, designed and operated to minimise environmental impacts and provide proportionate environmental enhancements – this is taken to include impacts in relation to biodiversity and geodiversity. The policy criteria also include the need for any adverse impacts, both individual and cumulative to be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	The Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that transport facilities are sited, designed and operated to minimise environmental and amenity impacts and provide proportionate environmental enhancements – this is taken to include impacts on air, water and soil quality. The policy criteria also include the need for any adverse impacts, both individual and cumulative to be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority. The policy criteria prioritise the use of

SA Objectives	DLP43	Justification
		pipelines and rail for hydrocarbon production; however where road transportation is the only feasible option, it should be demonstrated that this would not give rise to unacceptable impacts on the environment (taken to include air quality). A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	The Draft Policy sets out criteria that proposals for the production of hydrocarbons would be considered against, including that transport facilities are sited, designed and operated to minimise environmental impacts and provide proportionate environmental enhancements – this is taken to include impacts in relation to flood risk. The policy criteria also include the need for any adverse impacts, both individual and cumulative to be avoided or mitigated to the satisfaction of the Mineral Planning Authority. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	The policy criteria prioritise the use of pipelines and rail for hydrocarbon production which would help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation of minerals and a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

Waste policies (Chapter 15 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP44: Waste management hierarchy

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP44	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP44	Justification
access the health and social care they need.		
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	The Draft Policy encourages the on-site management of waste and co-locating developments that can use each other's waste materials; this would reduce noise from the transportation of waste via HGVs. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	The Draft Policy supports the minimisation of waste and therefore should reduce demand for landfill sites. This could in turn have a minor positive effect in terms of reducing the potential for soil and water pollution.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP44	Justification
contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.		
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	++	The primary aim of the Draft Policy is to encourage and support the minimisation of waste production and moving the management of waste streams up the waste hierarchy: prevention, re-use, recycle, recovery and then disposal last. It specifically refers to promoting the onsite management of waste. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	+	The Draft Policy could have a positive effect in relation to energy efficiency as it promotes generating energy from waste. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	++	The Draft Policy encourages the on-site management of waste and co-locating developments that can use each other's waste materials; this would reduce noise from the transportation of waste via HGVs and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. The policy also promotes the generation of energy from waste. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

DLP45: New waste management facilities

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP45	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	This Draft Policy sets out criteria for new waste management facilities, some of which could benefit health. The policy requires waste management facilities to be located appropriately, where amenity issues such as noise, dust and gas emissions are considered and addressed. The policy should therefore have a minor positive effect on helping to ensure that public health is not adversely affected by waste management facilities.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	++	This Draft Policy sets out criteria for new waste management facilities and requires potentially adverse impacts on people to be avoided or adequately mitigated. The policy requires new waste management proposals to demonstrate that effects on residential amenity have been avoided or mitigated. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP45	Justification
reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.		
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where potentially adverse impacts on people, biodiversity and the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated. It aims to steer new waste facilities to previously developed land; therefore a minor positive effect is likely.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where potentially adverse impacts on the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated. It requires consideration to be given to the layout and design of the site and any associated buildings and influence on visual amenity and requires screening where appropriate. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where potentially adverse impacts on the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated. It specifically requires consideration to be given to effects on the historic environment. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where potentially adverse impacts on biodiversity can be avoided or adequately mitigated. The policy requires new waste management facilities to demonstrate that effects on the natural environment (taken to include biodiversity and geodiversity) have been avoided or adequately mitigated. It also refers to considering proposals for restoration of the site after use, which may offer opportunities to bring about biodiversity benefits. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where potentially adverse impacts on the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated. This policy requires new waste management facilities to have regards to routing and the frequency of vehicle movements which may help to avoid adverse impacts on air quality as a result of HGV movements. It also requires consideration to be given to noise, dust, odour and gas emissions, all of which can help to avoid air, water and soil pollution from waste facilities. In addition, the policy requires the protection of controlled waters; therefore a significant positive effect is likely overall.
16. Prevent inappropriate new	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where

SA Objectives	DLP45	Justification
development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.		potentially adverse impacts on the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated. The policy specifies that consideration should be given to drainage and the use of sustainable drainage, therefore a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	While this Draft Policy relates to waste facilities, it sets out criteria for their design and location rather than affecting the amount of waste facilities in the District. Therefore, it will not directly affect the way in which waste is managed or influence levels of waste recovery and recycling. However, the policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations and sets out sequential priorities for the location of waste facilities, the first being employment sites where co-location is possible. This will help to facilitate the management of waste close to source and a minor positive effect is likely for this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	This Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	This Draft Policy seeks to ensure that new waste management facilities are developed in sustainable locations where potentially adverse impacts on the environment can be avoided or adequately mitigated. This policy encourages the co-location of waste facilities which may help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from HGVs transporting waste. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.

DLP46: Safeguarding waste management facilities

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: To not allow any other development to take place on these sites other than employment.

RA2: Do nothing.

SA Objectives	DLP46	RA1	RA2	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	-?	+	+	DLP46 involves safeguarding existing waste management facilities, which may have a minor negative effect on job creation if this approach were to restrict commercial developments coming forward at such sites which would otherwise result in job creation. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified. RA1 and RA2 would not safeguard waste sites in relation to employment development (although RA2 would safeguard sites against other uses), which may mean that there are opportunities to redevelop waste sites for other employment uses which would generate a higher number of jobs. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified for those options.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	-?	+	+	DLP46 involves safeguarding existing waste management facilities, which may have a minor negative effect on the economy if this approach were to restrict commercial developments coming forward at such sites. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.

SA Objectives	DLP46	RA1	RA2	Justification
				RA1 and RA2 would not safeguard waste sites in relation to employment development (although RA2 would safeguard sites against other uses), which may mean that there are opportunities to redevelop waste sites for other commercial uses which could boost the local economy. A potential minor positive effect is therefore identified.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-?	-?	+?	<p>DLP46 involves safeguarding existing waste management facilities, which may have a minor negative effect on housing delivery if this approach were to restrict residential developments coming forward at such sites. A potential but uncertain minor negative effect is therefore identified.</p> <p>Under RA1, sites would be safeguarded against non-employment related uses; therefore there could still be a potential negative effect in relation to restricting housing delivery.</p> <p>Under RA2 waste sites would not be safeguarded against redevelopment for residential (or any other) use; therefore potential minor positive effects are identified for that option.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Safeguarding existing waste management facilities could prevent their redevelopment for other uses and therefore result in development being steered elsewhere, potentially to

SA Objectives	DLP46	RA1	RA2	Justification
				greenfield sites. However, waste sites will only be safeguarded under DLP46 (and it is assumed also RA1 and RA2) if it is demonstrated that there is no longer a need, in which case redeveloping the site for another use would result in the development of a new waste facility elsewhere anyway. Therefore, a negligible effect on efficient land use is expected from DLP46 and the alternative options.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	-?	-?	<p>The primary purpose of DLP46 is to ensure that the district has capacity to handle waste, avoiding the need to export it to destinations further afield which would otherwise result in longer journeys being undertaken by HGV and the associated air pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Under RA1 and RA2, waste sites could potentially be redeveloped for other uses which may result in waste being transported over longer distances, with negative effects in relation to air pollution. This is particularly likely under RA2 where sites would not be safeguarded at all (under RA1 they would be safeguarded in relation to some uses but not others). However, the scale of the impacts means that minor rather than significant negative effects are identified for both options.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	++	-?	--?	<p>DLP46 is likely to have a significant positive effect on waste management as its primary purpose is to ensure that the district has capacity to handle waste, avoiding the need to export it to destinations further afield.</p> <p>Under RA1, waste sites would be safeguarded against non-employment related uses but they could potentially be redeveloped for employment uses. This could make it more difficult for the Council to meet its long-term waste management requirements and a potential minor negative effect is identified although this is uncertain depending on whether</p>

SA Objectives	DLP46	RA1	RA2	Justification
				such proposals come forward. Under RA2 waste sites would not be safeguarded in any circumstances which could have a significant negative effect on enabling the Council to meet its long-term waste management requirements, although this is again uncertain depending on such proposals coming forward.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	-?	-?	The primary purpose of DLP46 is to ensure that the district has capacity to handle waste, avoiding the need to export it to destinations further afield which would otherwise result in longer journeys being undertaken by HGV and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore likely. Under RA1 and RA2, waste sites could potentially be redeveloped for other uses which may result in waste being transported over longer distances, with negative effects in relation to greenhouse gas emissions. This is particularly likely under RA2 where sites would not be safeguarded at all (under RA1 they would be safeguarded in relation to some uses but not others). However, the scale of the impacts means that minor rather than significant negative effects are identified for both options.

DLP47: Waste disposal

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP47	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP47	Justification
avoiding noise and light pollution.		
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	-?	The Draft Policy could have a minor negative effect on the landscape as it permits landraising in certain circumstances. However, this is a last resort after exploring options for landfill at quarry sites.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste	+	The Draft Policy states that sites for the disposal of waste will only be permitted where it meets a need which cannot be met by treatment higher in the waste hierarchy. The approach is to clearly treat landfill as a last resort in terms of

SA Objectives	DLP47	Justification
close to source.		waste management in Kirklees. While it does provide for landfill in certain circumstances, this reflects national policy and the overarching aim is to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. As such, a minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Health and Supporting Communities policies (Chapter 16 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP48: Healthy, active and safe lifestyles

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP48	RA1	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	The Draft Policy supports active and sustainable transport use as well as the incorporation of active design into new developments. These measures could provide additional transport routes and links, which in turn could increase the accessibility of employment opportunities. A minor positive is therefore likely on this objective. RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits for sustainable transport provision and therefore access to employment. However, other relevant national and local planning policies would apply, including other local plan policies relating to access and sustainable transport. As such, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely for RA1.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	+	0	The Draft Policy supports active and sustainable transport use as well as encouraging the incorporation of active design into new developments. These measures could provide additional transport routes and links, which in turn could increase the accessibility of educational institutions providing residents with more choice. A minor positive is therefore likely on this objective.

SA Objectives	DLP48	RA1	Justification
			RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles with educational facilities. This could result in local issues specific to the district to be overlooked. As such, a negligible effect is likely for RA1.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to increase access to high quality and well maintained green spaces and green infrastructure, active designs, play, sports, leisure and cultural facilities to promote health and mental well-being. The creation of high quality environments which minimise and mitigate against potential harm from risks such as pollution and other environmental hazards is also encouraged.</p> <p>Additionally, the Draft Policy seeks to ensure that the air quality in the district is monitored and maintained and where required, instigate appropriate mitigation measures as part of new development proposals which will contribute to improving health (especially relating to respiratory conditions). The Draft Policy promotes the co-location of recreation and sport facilities lie within close proximity to community facilities for education and health.</p> <p>The Draft Policy also supports initiatives that address poor health indicators. In relation to reducing obesity, the Draft Policy aims to support initiatives which enable or improve access to healthy food and manage the location of hot food takeaways, especially in poor areas of health.</p> <p>Health Impact Assessments will be carried out for all proposals that are likely to have a significant impact on the health and well-being of the local communities, or particular groups within it, in order to identify measures to maximise the health benefits of the development and avoid any potential adverse impacts.</p> <p>Overall, a significant positive effect is therefore likely for this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to promoting healthy, active and safe lifestyles. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to create high quality environments that are free from pollution. Therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to promoting healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits in relation to reduced pollution. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy supports active and sustainable transport use as well as the incorporation of active design into new developments. These measures could provide additional transport routes and links, which in turn, could increase the accessibility of local services and facilities. A minor positive is therefore likely on this objective.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP48	RA1	Justification
			RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to promoting healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits in relation to access to services via walking and cycling. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy supports initiatives that address antisocial behaviour in the district. A minor positive is therefore likely on this objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to promoting healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits in relation to reduced antisocial behaviour. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to increase access to high quality and well maintained green spaces and green infrastructure, play, sports and leisure facilities. In addition, the Draft Policy supports active transport modes as well as the incorporation of active design into new developments. These could provide additional routes and links, which could also provide a recreational facility. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits in relation to providing recreation and open space facilities. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy supports the use of active and sustainable modes of transport as well as encouraging the incorporation of active design into new developments. A significant effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits in terms of increased use of sustainable transport. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP48	RA1	Justification
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	0	<p>Creating high-quality and inclusive environments as well as providing increasing green spaces and green infrastructure, will contribute to enhancing the biodiversity in Kirklees. As such, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles and the associated indirect benefits of green infrastructure creation for biodiversity and geodiversity. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy aims to create high quality environments which minimise and mitigate against potential harm from risks such as pollution and other environmental hazards. Additionally, the Draft Policy seeks to ensure that the air quality in the district is monitored and maintained and where required, instigate appropriate mitigation measures as part of new development proposals. A significant positive effect is likely therefore on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated benefits for air, water and soil pollution. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to increase access to open space and green infrastructure. These can be beneficial in relation to mitigating flood risk. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles with the associated indirect benefits of green infrastructure in relation to flood risk. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP48	RA1	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	<p>The Draft Policy supports active and sustainable modes of transport as well as encouraging the incorporation of active design into new developments. A minor effect is therefore likely on this SA objective as it promotes modal shift from private car use to sustainable forms of transport which should help to reduce the associated greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the healthy, active and safe lifestyles and the associated benefits for climate change of increased walking and cycling. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>

DLP49: Community facilities and services

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP49	RA1	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	++	0	<p>The Draft Plan supports developments that protect, retain or enhance the provision, quality or accessibility of existing education facilities. Any proposals that involve the loss of educational facilities would need to demonstrate that either the educational facility is no longer used or viable, or there is or will be adequate alternative provision that is equally accessible as the existing location. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting community services including education facilities. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can	++	0	The Draft Plan supports developments that protect, retain or enhance the provision, quality or accessibility of existing community facilities, taken to include healthcare facilities such as GPs. Any

SA Objectives	DLP49	RA1	Justification
access the health and social care they need.			<p>proposals that involve the loss of such facilities would need to demonstrate that either the facility is no longer used or viable, or there is or will be adequate alternative provision that is equally accessible as the existing location. In addition, retaining services and facilities will help to ensure peoples' mental health and wellbeing by avoiding social isolation. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting community services including healthcare facilities. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	++	0	<p>The primary purpose of the Draft Policy is to support development that protects, retains or enhances provision, quality or accessibility of existing community education, leisure and cultural facilities that meets the needs of all members of the community. A development that proposes to remove a community facility is required to provide sufficient evidence of that particular facility is no longer needed, there is another facility in the locality which would meet the needs of the community or that the development includes plans are to replace the facility. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting community facilities and services. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy will support development that protects, retains or enhances provision, quality or accessibility of existing community leisure facilities that meet the needs of all members of the community. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to prioritising the community facilities and services including recreation and leisure facilities. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA

SA Objectives	DLP49	RA1	Justification
transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.			objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	<p>Protecting community services and facilities would help to reduce the need for people to travel to access services in other locations, and should thereby reduce levels of car use and the associated air pollution. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting community facilities and services with the associated benefits for reduced car use. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP49	RA1	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	<p>Protecting community services and facilities would help to reduce the need for people to travel to access services in other locations, and should thereby reduce levels of car use and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting community facilities and services with the associated benefits for reduced car use. However, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely for RA1.</p>

DLP50: Educational and healthcare needs

RA: Do nothing.

SA Objectives	DLP50	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	++	0	<p>The primary purpose of DLP50 is to ensure that education facilities are available to support the growing population and meet the needs of local people, and that they are located in accessible areas. The fact that any issues associated with development proposals in relation to education provision will ideally be resolved before the application is submitted will mean that adverse impacts in terms of existing facilities becoming overloaded are particularly unlikely to occur. The policy states that the need for any additional school places will be a material consideration when housing applications are determined. In addition, the policy requires education facilities to be well-located in relation to the catchment that they will serve and to minimise the need to travel – this should ensure that people are able to access schools via sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing educational and healthcare needs. While the issue would not be directly addressed in a specific policy, other national and local policy would apply including other Local Plan policies in relation to infrastructure provision. A negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.</p>
4. Improve the health of local	++	0	The primary purpose of DLP50 is to ensure that healthcare facilities are available to support the growing

SA Objectives	DLP50	RA1	Justification
people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.			<p>population and meet the needs of local people, and that they are located in accessible areas. The fact that any issues associated with development proposals in relation to healthcare provision will ideally be resolved before the application is submitted will mean that adverse impacts in terms of existing facilities becoming overloaded are particularly unlikely to occur. The policy states that healthcare facilities should be well-located in relation to the catchment that they will serve and to minimise the need to travel – this should ensure that people are able to access GPs etc. via sustainable modes of transport such as walking and cycling. This will in itself benefit health by increasing levels of activity. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing educational and healthcare needs. While the issue would not be directly addressed in a specific policy, other national and local policy would apply including other Local Plan policies in relation to infrastructure provision. A negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	+	0	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that residential developments are supported by education and healthcare facilities in accessible locations that can be reached via sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing educational and healthcare needs. While the issue would not be directly addressed in a specific policy, other national and local policy would apply including other Local Plan policies in relation to infrastructure provision. A negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.</p>
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP50	RA1	Justification
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	+	0	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that residential developments are supported by education and healthcare facilities in accessible locations that can be reached via sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling. This will help to avoid air pollution from car travel over longer distances and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing educational and healthcare needs. While the issue would not be directly addressed in a specific policy, other national and local policy would apply including other Local Plan policies in relation to infrastructure provision. A negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.</p>
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	0	<p>The policy seeks to ensure that residential developments are supported by education and healthcare facilities in accessible locations that can be reached via sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling. This will help to avoid greenhouse gas emissions from car travel over longer distances and a minor positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a specific policy in the Local Plan addressing educational and healthcare needs. While the issue would not be directly addressed in a specific policy, other national and local policy would apply including other Local Plan policies in relation to infrastructure provision. A negligible rather than negative effect is therefore likely.</p>

DLP51: Protection and improvement of local air quality

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP51	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	Poor air quality can have a significant effect on human health and can lead to serious symptoms and conditions (mostly affecting respiratory and inflammatory systems but also heart disease and cancer) as well as premature deaths. Kirklees Council has assessed the local air quality and two Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) have been declared within Kirklees (Bradley Road/Leeds Road, Huddersfield and Scout Hill, Dewsbury) as they exceed standard levels of air pollution. The Draft Policy states that new development will not be permitted where it would introduce new receptors into AQMAs, Areas of Concern or near other areas of poor air quality, unless mitigation can be incorporated. These air quality improvements could benefit the health of local people; therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP51	Justification
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	++	The Draft Policy aims to protect and improve local air quality and requires mitigation measures to be incorporated into developments that could impact on air quality – this is likely to include measures to encourage people to use sustainable modes of transport in place of cars. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	Poor air quality can have an adverse effect on the environment, causing damage to plants and animals, affecting biodiversity and crop yields. As the overall aim of the Draft Policy is to improve air quality, a minor positive effect on biodiversity is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	The primary aim of this Draft Policy is to reduce air pollution. The Draft Policy seeks to mitigate the impacts of new developments that could contribute to air pollution, preventing new developments that would cause unsafe levels of air pollution. Development proposals that could increase air pollution must be accompanied by an assessment of air quality impacts and sustainable mitigation measures incorporated. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	The Draft Policy aims to protect and improve local air quality and requires mitigation measures to be incorporated into developments that could impact on air quality – this is likely to include measures to encourage people to use sustainable modes of transport in place of cars, which will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles. Therefore, a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

DLP52: Protection and improvement of environmental quality

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP52	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	Exposure to pollution deriving from noise, vibration, light, dust, odour, shadow flicker, chemicals and other forms of pollution have various health implications and impact on human well-being. The Draft Policy requires that new developments that could increase pollution are accompanied by evidence to show that impacts have been assessed and mitigation incorporated. A minor positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	++	The primary purpose of this Draft Policy is to avoid new development resulting in an increase in noise, vibration, light, dust, odour, shadow flicker, chemicals and other forms of pollution. Any developments that could result in an increase must be accompanied by evidence to show that impacts have been assessed and mitigation incorporated. Where developments cannot be shown to have reduced potential pollution to levels that would not adversely affect quality of life will not be permitted. A significant positive effect on this SA objective is therefore likely.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable	+	The Draft Policy aims to reduce pollution levels, including air pollution – this may result in mitigation measures being incorporated into development proposals in relation to sustainable transport, which would have a minor positive effect

SA Objectives	DLP52	Justification
and active modes of transport.		on this objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	The Draft Policy states that where possible, new developments should enhance the existing environment. New developments that have the potential to increase pollution levels, and therefore which could indirectly affect biodiversity, are to provide evidence illustrating that their impacts have been evaluated and that measures have been incorporated in order to minimise environmental damage. Developments which cannot incorporate suitable and sustainable mitigation measures which reduce pollution levels to an acceptable level will not be permitted. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	The primary purpose of this Draft Policy is to avoid new development resulting in an increase in noise, vibration, light, dust, odour, shadow flicker, chemicals and other forms of pollution. The Draft Policy aims to reduce pollution levels by not permitting development that has the potential to produce significant levels of pollution without suitable levels of mitigation or only permitting development that contributes to pollution levels if there is evidence that their impacts have been assessed and mitigated. Therefore, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	+	The Draft Policy aims to reduce pollution levels, including air pollution – this may result in mitigation measures being incorporated into development proposals in relation to sustainable transport, which would have a minor positive effect on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

DLP50: Contaminated and unstable land

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP50	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	Contaminated land can have significant harmful effects on people's health. The Draft Policy requires new development on contaminated land, or on land that will become contaminated as a result of the development, to submit an appropriate contamination assessment. Additionally, new development on land that is suspected of contamination is expected to incorporate remediation measures that will prevent harm to human health. If this cannot be achieved, the development will not be permitted. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	The Draft Policy identifies new homes with gardens as being particularly vulnerable to the risk of contamination if they are developed on contaminated land and remediation is not incorporated into the development proposals. In the case of a new housing development that has potential vulnerability to contamination, evidence detailing the contamination and specific remediation measures will be required to prevent the damage to homes. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP50	Justification
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	The Draft policy could restrict developments on contaminated land where this involves risks to health and wellbeing; however the redevelopment of such sites would not comprise the prudent use of land. Therefore, a negligible effect is likely.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	The Draft Policy identifies contaminated land as having potentially significant harmful effects on the environment; including that of water courses and protected species. Assessments and mitigation measures required by the Draft Policy where new developments is proposed on contaminated land, will therefore have a positive effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	++	The primary aim of this Draft Policy is to ensure that proposals for development on contaminated land do not result in harmful impacts on people and the environment as a result of the pollution. The requirements of the policy should increase the chances of contaminated land being remediated through new developments, which would also help to reduce the risks of water pollution. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	The Draft Policy would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP54: Sport and physical activity

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

SA Objectives	DLP54	RA1	Justification
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SA Objectives	DLP54	RA1	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to protect, enhance and support new outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities which will encourage everyone in Kirklees to be physically active and therefore promotes a healthier lifestyle for all. A significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address sport and physical activity in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF whereby local issues could be overlooked. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	++	0	<p>The Draft Policy aims to protect, enhance and support new outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities. Any proposed loss of community sports facilities should be supported by a detailed needs assessment report. The loss of a facility would need to demonstrate that the site is no longer required to meet a deficiency in sporting provision, or an equivalent or better replacement facilities are accessible or an alternative sporting facility outweighs the loss of the existing facility. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address sport and physical activity in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF whereby local issues could be overlooked. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their	++	0	The primary purpose of the Draft Policy is to protect, enhance and support new outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities. Support will be given to proposals which expand and enhance the range of indoor leisure facilities on offer in the district. A significant positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP54	RA1	Justification
usage.			RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting sport and leisure facilities. This could result in local issues specific to the district being overlooked. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	0	The Draft Policy would protect, enhance and support new outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities. Outdoor sports facilities may have flood risk management benefits in relation to allowing infiltration or even acting as water storage areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. RA1 (do nothing and rely on the NPPF) would mean that there is less explicit policy support in the Local Plan in relation to protecting sports facilities with the associated potential benefits for flood risk management. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP54	RA1	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

Open Land and Green Belt policies (Chapter 17 in the Draft Local Plan)

DLP55: Development in the green belt

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: An alternative would be to have no policy and rely on national planning policy.

SA Objectives	DLP55	RA1	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	+?	<p>This policy option (DLP55) defines the boundary of the green belt and sets out the criteria that development within the green belt must meet. The policy allows for a very limited amount of development within the green belt in line with national policy which should help to maintain the extent of open space in Kirklees which might be used by residents for recreational activities thus promoting healthier lifestyles. The policy also requires that new development which is allowed in the green belt retain and where possible improve opportunities for outdoor recreation. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve relying on guidance in the NPPF in relation to development within the green belt. This approach would still limit development within the green belt and so a potential positive effect is still likely in relation to retaining open space that can be used for recreation. However, without the additional detail in DLP55 and particularly the criterion relating to improving opportunities for outdoor recreation, there is less certainty about the likely positive effect.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP55	RA1	Justification
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	<p>The policy option (DLP55) defines the boundary of the green belt and sets the criteria that development within the green belt must meet. Development which is permitted within the green belt is expected to maintain a good standard of amenity for existing and new residents. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve relying on guidance in the NPPF in relation to development within the green belt and the specific criterion relating to amenity that is included in DLP55 would not apply. However, other Local Plan policies relating to amenity would still apply and therefore a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	+	0	<p>DLP55 defines the boundary of the green belt and sets the criteria that will apply to development within the green belt. The policy allows for a very limited amount of development within the green belt in line with national policy which will help to maintain areas of open space in Kirklees which might be used by residents for recreational activities. The policy also requires that new development which is allowed in the green belt retain and where possible improve opportunities for outdoor recreation. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve relying on guidance in the NPPF in relation to development within the green belt. This approach would still limit development within the green belt and so a potential positive effect is still likely in relation to retaining open space that can be used for recreation. However, without the additional detail in DLP55 and particularly the criterion relating to improving opportunities for outdoor recreation, there is less certainty about the likely positive effect.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-	-	<p>DLP55 would restrict development within the green belt. This approach may limit the area of land which is available for housing development in the District. As such a minor negative effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve relying on guidance in the NPPF in relation to development within the green belt. As national policy is still broadly restrictive in relation to development in the green belt, a minor negative effect on housing provision is still likely under that option.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent	+	+	DLP55 and the alternative RA1 (rely on national policy) would both limit development within the green

SA Objectives	DLP55	RA1	Justification
use of land.			belt. This approach would protect large areas of greenfield land from being developed, including some areas of higher quality agricultural land (Grade 3 and above). Therefore, a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective for both options.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	+	<p>DLP55 would limit development within the green belt. This would protect the character of those parts of Kirklees and avoid settlement coalescence. DLP55 specifically requires development within the green belt to have regard for the character and openness of these areas, as well as relevant parts of the Landscape Character Assessment. The policy would also require materials used in construction to be appropriate for the green belt setting while damaged or derelict land should be improved which should be of benefit to local character. As such a significant positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve relying on guidance in the NPPF in relation to development within the green belt. This approach would still limit development within the green belt in order to retain local character and so a potential positive effect is still likely in relation to this SA objective. However, without the additional detail in DLP55 and particularly the criterion relating to using appropriate materials in construction, the likely positive effect is likely to be minor rather than significant.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	+?	<p>DLP55 would limit development within the green belt and thereby help to retain areas of open and undeveloped land. This approach is expected to have an indirect positive effect on the protection of habitats and species. In addition, the policy would require developments that are approved within the green belt to retain and where possible enhance biodiversity. As such a minor positive effect is expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve relying on guidance in the NPPF in relation to development within the green belt. This approach would still limit development within the green belt and so a potential positive effect is still likely in relation to protecting biodiversity. However, without the additional detail in DLP55 and particularly the criterion relating to enhancing biodiversity, there is less certainty about the likely positive effect.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	+	DLP55 and the reasonable alternative option (RA1) would both limit development within the green belt and would therefore help to maintain large areas of undeveloped greenfield land in the District. This helps to ensure that infiltration can occur and reduces runoff which would have a minor positive effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP55	RA1	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	Neither DLP55 nor the alternative option is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP56: Buildings for Agriculture and Forestry

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific.

SA Objectives	DLP56	RA1	RA2	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP56 is likely to have a minor positive effect in relation to jobs because it provides for buildings to support the agriculture and forestry industries in the green belt, provided that certain criteria are met including that the building must be genuinely required for those purposes. This will help to retain those rural industries and the associated jobs although the effect is likely to be minor rather than significantly positive due to the limited number of jobs likely to be affected.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP56 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would still provide for buildings to support the agriculture and forestry industries and therefore benefit rural jobs, although applying more specific criteria could mean that a more limited number of development proposals are approved. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	0	+?	<p>DLP56 is likely to have a minor positive effect in relation to the rural economy because it provides for buildings to support the agriculture and forestry industries in the green belt, provided that certain criteria are met including that the building must be genuinely required for those purposes. This will help to retain those rural industries although the effect is likely to be minor rather than significantly positive.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP56 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would still provide for buildings to support the agriculture and forestry industries and therefore benefit the rural economy, although applying more specific criteria could mean</p>

SA Objectives	DLP56	RA1	RA2	Justification
				that a more limited number of development proposals are approved. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	+/-	<p>DLP56 states that there must be no detriment to the amenity of nearby residents by reason of noise or odour if buildings for agriculture and forestry are to be permitted in the green belt; therefore a minor positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP56 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP56 in relation to maintaining local amenity, thereby reducing noise and odour pollution. The approach however, would be inflexible and could result in being too restrictive and may not allow the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP56	RA1	RA2	Justification
and active modes of transport.				
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	+/-	<p>DLP56 states that agricultural and forestry buildings in the green belt should be sited in close association with other existing agricultural buildings, subject to the operational requirements of the holding it is intended to serve. Isolated new buildings will only be accepted exceptionally where there are clear and demonstrable reasons for an isolated location. DLP56 also states that the building must be of a standard of design and the materials should be appropriate to its green belt setting - this will maintain the character of the landscape. A significant positive is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP56 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP56 in relation to maintaining the character and quality of Kirklees' landscape and townscape. The approach would, however, be inflexible and could be too restrictive and may not allow the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits which would have the opposite effect. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP56	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP57: Agricultural and forestry workers' dwellings

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific.

SA Objectives	DLP57	RA1	RA2	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	+	0	+?	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to provide accommodation for those working in the agricultural or forestry sectors near to their place of work which will have a positive effect on access to employment opportunities. The limited number of jobs likely to be affected means that a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP57 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would still provide for the development of dwellings for agricultural and forestry workers in the green belt and would therefore also benefit rural jobs, although applying more specific criteria could mean that a more limited number of proposals are approved. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	+	0	+?	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to provide accommodation for those working in the agricultural or forestry sectors near to their place of work which will have a positive effect on supporting those rural industries. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP57 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would still provide for the development of dwellings for agricultural and forestry workers in the green belt and would therefore also benefit the rural economy, although applying more specific criteria could mean that a more limited number of proposals are approved. A potential but uncertain minor positive effect is therefore identified.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP57	RA1	RA2	Justification
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+	0	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy supports the provision of accommodation for agricultural and forestry workers' in certain circumstances and a positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective. The limited number of homes likely to be permitted means that a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP57 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to result in some housing provision for rural workers, the more stringent criteria could mean that it is more difficult for people to secure permission for rural workers' dwellings. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent	+	0	+	The Draft Policy states that a proposal for new accommodation will only be permitted where

SA Objectives	DLP57	RA1	RA2	Justification
use of land.				<p>it can be proved that there is no suitable existing building that could be converted to residential accommodation. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP57 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP57 in relation to securing the efficient and prudent use of land.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	++	<p>DLP57 sets out restrictive criteria relating to the limited circumstances in which permission will be granted for agricultural and forestry workers' dwellings in the green belt. The strict criteria will help to maintain the openness and character of the greenbelt and therefore the landscape quality of Kirklees. A significant positive is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy and relying on the NPPF. While the positive effect associated with DLP57 would therefore no longer apply, other relevant national and local policies would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP57 in relation to protecting and enhancing the character of Kirklees' landscape and townscape.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP57	RA1	RA2	Justification
close to source.				
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP58: Facilities for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and cemeteries

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific.

SA Objectives	DLP58	RA1	RA2	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	0	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy allows for the development of outdoor sport and recreation facilities in the green belt, provided that certain criteria are met. Such facilities can benefit health by promoting exercise and therefore contributing to people leading healthier lifestyles. As such, a minor positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan addressing facilities for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and cemeteries in the green belt and the text of the NPPF would be relied upon. While this would not include the same locally specific criteria as DLP58, other relevant national and local policy would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would allow for sports and recreation facilities in the green belt in some circumstances, which would benefit public health, although the more restrictive criteria are likely to mean that fewer proposals are approved. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP58	RA1	RA2	Justification
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	+	0	++	<p>The Draft Policy requires that proposals for sports and recreation facilities in the green belt must have no detrimental effect on residential amenity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan addressing facilities for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and cemeteries in the green belt and the text of the NPPF would be relied upon. While this would not include the same locally specific criteria as DLP58, other relevant national and local policy would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan and the more restrictive criteria should go even further protect local amenity. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	0	+/-	<p>DLP58 provides for the development of sport and recreation facilities in the green belt, provided that certain criteria are met. This will help to ensure that such facilities are available for local people outside of the main urban areas and a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan addressing facilities for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and cemeteries in the green belt and the text of the NPPF would be relied upon. While this would not include the same locally specific criteria as DLP58, other relevant national and local policy would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would allow for sports and recreation facilities in the green belt in some circumstances, although the more restrictive criteria are likely to mean that fewer proposals are approved. A mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct

SA Objectives	DLP58	RA1	RA2	Justification
people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.				effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	++	<p>The aim of this Draft Policy is to conserve the open character of the green belt by only granting permission for proposals that are of an appropriate scale and location and that use sympathetic design. It is specified that horse exercising units must not result in incongruous or discordant landform out of character with their setting. As such, a significant positive is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan addressing facilities for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation and cemeteries in the green belt and the text of the NPPF would be relied upon. While this would not include the same locally specific criteria as DLP58, other relevant national and local policy would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP58 in relation to conserving and enhancing the townscape and landscape quality and character of Kirklees. Applying more stringent criteria could mean that significant positive effects on the landscape are even more likely.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP58	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP59: The extension, alteration or replacement of existing buildings

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific.

SA Objectives	DLP59	RA1	RA2	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP59	RA1	RA2	Justification
usage.				
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-	0	--	<p>The Draft Policy sets out criteria for extensions to existing buildings and replacement of existing buildings in the green belt. These criteria could potentially restrict alterations to residential properties, such as extensions required to support a growing family. A minor negative effect is therefore identified in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan addressing extensions, alterations or the replacement of existing buildings in the green belt and the text of the NPPF would be relied upon. While this would not include the same locally specific criteria as DLP59, other relevant national and local policy would still apply and a negligible rather than positive effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan, which could have even more negative effects than DLP59 in relation to restricting alterations to residential properties. A significant negative effect is therefore identified for this option.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy sets out criteria for when extensions, alterations or the replacement of existing buildings in the green belt will be acceptable. The policy seeks to maintain the quality of Kirklees' green belt by ensuring that such proposals take into account the existing scale, character and openness of the site. It requires the design and materials proposed to be sensitive to the character of the green belt setting. As such, a significant positive effect is likely overall on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan addressing extensions, alterations or the replacement of existing buildings in the green belt and the text of the NPPF would be relied upon. While this would not include the same locally specific criteria as DLP59, other relevant national and local policy would still apply and a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP59 in relation to conserving and enhancing the townscape and landscape quality and character of Kirklees. Applying more stringent criteria could mean that significant positive effects on the landscape are even more likely.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP59	RA1	RA2	Justification
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP60: Garden extensions

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP60	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP60	Justification
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	-	DLP60 could restrict people making changes to their homes, such as adding garages, sheds or other ancillary buildings as it states that permitted development rights may be removed if they could lead to an unacceptable intrusion of urban character into a green belt setting. This could have a minor negative effect in relation to ensuring that housing can meet peoples' needs.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	The purpose of this policy option is to restrict the change of use of green belt land to domestic gardens. This approach would help to protect the character of the green belt. The criteria set out in the policy relating to when such proposals may be acceptable relate to ensuring that the degree, location and orientation of the enclosure causes least harm to the openness of the green belt, and ensuring that the materials used for the enclosure are appropriate. The policy also states that permitted development rights may be removed if they could lead to an unacceptable intrusion of urban character into a green belt setting. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP60	Justification
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	This policy option would not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP61: Infilling and redevelopment of brownfield sites

Three reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: Have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific.

RA3: There could be a policy that identifies specific villages where infill development may not be inappropriate.

SA Objectives	DLP61	RA1	RA2	RA3	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this

SA Objectives	DLP61	RA1	RA2	RA3	Justification
avoiding noise and light pollution.					SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	++	0	+	+/-	<p>DLP61 permits infilling and redevelopment of brownfield sites within the green belt provided that certain criteria are met. This will help to achieve the efficient use of land by reducing pressure for greenfield development. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy which addresses the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and instead relying on the NPPF. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would have the same positive effects as DLP61 in terms of facilitating the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and reducing pressure on greenfield sites. However, applying more specific criteria could mean that fewer such proposals are approved and a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA3 would involve identifying specific villages where infill development may not be inappropriate. While this could make it more likely that brownfield development proposals come forward in those areas, it may indicate that they wouldn't be approved elsewhere, reducing the number of proposals elsewhere which may in fact have been appropriate. A mixed (minor</p>

SA Objectives	DLP61	RA1	RA2	RA3	Justification
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	+	+/-	<p>positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>DLP61 permits infilling and redevelopment of brownfield sites within the green belt provided that certain criteria are met. This will help to conserve and enhance the quality of the landscape by reducing pressure for greenfield development which could otherwise negatively affect the character of the green belt. The criteria set out in the policy will help to ensure that infill and redevelopment proposals are appropriate in terms of their scale and form which will benefit the townscape. A significant positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy which addresses the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and instead relying on the NPPF. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would have the same positive effects as DLP61 in terms of facilitating the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and reducing pressure on greenfield sites. However, applying more specific criteria could mean that fewer such proposals are approved and a minor rather than significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA3 would involve identifying specific villages where infill development may not be inappropriate. While this could make it more likely that brownfield development proposals come forward in those areas, it may indicate that they wouldn't be approved elsewhere, reducing the number of proposals elsewhere which may in fact have been appropriate. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	0	The effects of infill development or the redevelopment of brownfield sites on biodiversity and geodiversity would depend on the location of sites – both greenfield and brownfield sites can harbour valuable biodiversity. Negligible effects are therefore identified for all four options.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not	+	0	+?	+/-	DLP61 permits infilling and redevelopment of brownfield sites within the green belt provided that certain criteria are met. This will help to conserve areas of permeable land by reducing pressure for greenfield development

SA Objectives	DLP61	RA1	RA2	RA3	Justification
contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.					<p>which could otherwise increase flood risk. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy which addresses the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and instead relying on the NPPF. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would have the same positive effects as DLP61 in terms of facilitating the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and reducing pressure on greenfield sites and the associated impacts in relation to flood risk. However, applying more specific criteria could mean that fewer such proposals are approved and the positive effect is less certain.</p> <p>RA3 would involve identifying specific villages where infill development may not be inappropriate. While this could make it more likely that brownfield development proposals come forward in those areas, it may indicate that they wouldn't be approved elsewhere, reducing the number of proposals elsewhere which may in fact have been appropriate. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.</p>
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	0	+?	+/-	<p>DLP61 permits infilling and redevelopment of brownfield sites within the green belt provided that certain criteria are met. This will help to maximise opportunities to re-use existing building materials, minimising waste. A minor positive effect is therefore expected on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve not having a policy which addresses the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and instead relying on the NPPF. A negligible effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>RA2 would have the same positive effects as DLP61 in terms of facilitating the development of brownfield sites in the green belt and reducing pressure on greenfield sites and the associated impacts in relation to waste. However, applying more specific criteria could mean that fewer such proposals are approved and the positive effect is less certain.</p> <p>RA3 would involve identifying specific villages where infill development may not be inappropriate. While this could make it more likely that brownfield development proposals come forward in those areas, it may indicate that they wouldn't be approved elsewhere, reducing the number of proposals</p>

SA Objectives	DLP61	RA1	RA2	RA3	Justification
					elsewhere which may in fact have been appropriate. A mixed (minor positive and minor negative) effect is therefore likely.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	0	Neither DLP61 nor the alternative options would have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP62: The re-use and conversion of buildings

Two reasonable alternative options are identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: An alternative would be to have no policy and rely on the NPPF.

RA2: The policy could be more specific, for example by specifying which designs of buildings or which types of materials are considered to be permanent or substantial.

SA Objectives	DLP62	RA1	RA2	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	++	0	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy states that proposals for the re-use and conversion of buildings in the green belt and its associated activity must be able to be accommodated without detriment to residential amenity.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address the re-use and conversion of buildings in the green belt. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP62	RA1	RA2	Justification
				RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP62 in relation to protecting amenity but would be inflexible and could be too restrictive, not allowing for the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits. This could result in proposals actually having negative effects on amenity and a mixed effect is therefore likely overall.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	+/-	0	+/--	<p>The Draft Policy permits of the re-use or conversion of existing buildings in the green belt provided that the specified criteria are met. This could therefore permit conversions for residential use, but the criteria are fairly restrictive. Therefore a mixed, minor positive and minor negative) effect is likely.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address the re-use and conversion of buildings in the green belt. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan – while this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP62 in relation to permitting the conversion or re-use of buildings for residential purposes, the criteria could be even more restrictive and a mixed (minor positive and significant negative) effect is therefore identified.</p>
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	++	0	+/-	The conversion and re-use of buildings that are permanent and worthwhile are encouraged in the Draft Policy. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.

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				<p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address the re-use and conversion of buildings in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP62 in relation to achieving the effects use of land in Kirklees. However, this approach would be inflexible and could be too restrictive, not allowing for the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits. This could result in proposals actually having negative effects on the efficient use of land and a mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	0	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy's primary aim is to protecting and enhancing the landscape. Proposals are not to introduce inappropriate domestic or urban characteristics into the landscape which includes outside areas such as means of access and car parking, curtilages and other enclosures and ancillary or curtilage buildings. The design and materials must also be fitting with the landscape which also includes boundary and surface treatments being of a high quality and appropriate to their setting and activities must be able to be accommodated without detriment to landscape quality. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address the re-use and conversion of buildings in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP62 in relation to landscape protection. However, this approach would be inflexible and could be too restrictive, not allowing for the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits. This could result in proposals actually having negative effects on the landscape and a mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	0	+/-	<p>The Draft Policy states that the design and materials must appropriate to their setting where proposals are put forward for the conversion or re-use of buildings in the green belt. As such, a minor positive effect is likely as this will help conserve the historic environment.</p>

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				<p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address the re-use and conversion of buildings in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan relating to the historic environment will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP62 in relation to landscape protection. However, this approach would be inflexible and could be too restrictive, not allowing for the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits. This could result in proposals actually having negative effects on the historic environment and a mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	+	0	+/-	<p>Provided that certain criteria are met, DLP 67 permits the re-use or conversion of existing buildings in the green belt. This could enable the recycling of existing building materials and a minor positive effect is therefore likely.</p> <p>Under RA1 there would be no policy in the Local Plan which would specifically address the re-use and conversion of buildings in Kirklees. Instead there would be a reliance on the text of the NPPF. Given that national guidance and other relevant policies in the Local Plan will continue to apply, a negligible rather than negative effect is likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA2 would involve having a more prescriptive policy in the Local Plan –this would be likely to have the same benefits as DLP62 in relation to offering opportunities for re-using building materials. However, this approach would be inflexible and could be too restrictive, not allowing for the proper consideration of individual proposals on their own merits. This could result in proposals actually having negative effects on this objective as a result of fewer proposals being successful and a mixed effect is therefore likely overall.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP62	RA1	RA2	Justification
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor the reasonable alternative options are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP63: Urban green space

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Local Plan policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP63	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	DLP63 seeks to protect the identified areas of open green space in Kirklees which will provide space for active outdoor recreation. A minor positive effect is therefore likely in relation to health.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	The primary purpose of DLP63 is to protect and enhance open space provision in Kirklees, by protecting the identified areas of urban green space from development. The identified urban green spaces will be protected unless strict criteria are met, for example demonstrating that the open space is no longer required. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP63	Justification
needs.		
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	Protecting the identified urban green space through policy DLP63 will help to achieve the efficient use of land by protecting these areas of greenfield land from development. This may help to avoid the loss of high quality agricultural land, particularly because some of the urban green spaces identified for protection are within areas of Grade 3 agricultural land. A minor positive effect is therefore likely.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	Protecting urban green spaces will have a minor positive effect on the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape by retaining green spaces which enhance the appearance and setting of development. A number of the sites that are allocated are large in size so would have particularly positive effects, although most are small.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	Protecting the identified urban green space through policy DLP63 is likely to have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing the setting of heritage assets as further development (which may not be of a sympathetic nature with regards the existing character of the area) would be prevented from occurring. Most of the urban green space sites that are allocated are likely to have positive effects on this objective because of their proximity to heritage assets.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	Protecting the identified urban green space through policy DLP63 is likely to have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing biodiversity as a result of habitat creation and because the approach will help to avoid habitat fragmentation as a result of development. A number of the sites that are allocated are large in size so would have particularly positive effects, although most are small.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	DLP58 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	Protecting the identified urban green space through policy DLP63 is likely to have a positive effect on flood risk management as this approach will retain areas of permeable land and help to reduce runoff rates.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	DLP63 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP64: Local green space

No reasonable alternative options to this Draft Local Plan policy have been identified.

SA Objectives	DLP64	Justification
1: Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	+	DLP64 seeks to protect the identified areas of local green space in Kirklees which will provide space for active outdoor recreation. A minor positive effect is therefore likely in relation to health.
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	The primary purpose of DLP64 is to protect and enhance open space provision in Kirklees, by protecting the identified areas of local green space from development. The identified local green spaces will be protected unless strict criteria are met, for example demonstrating that the open space is no longer required. A significant positive effect is therefore likely.
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable and active modes of transport.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	+	Protecting the identified local green space through policy DLP64 will help to achieve the efficient use of land by protecting these areas of greenfield land from development although none of the sites allocated for local green space are on high quality agricultural land.

SA Objectives	DLP64	Justification
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	+	Protecting local green spaces will have a minor positive effect on the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape by retaining green spaces which enhance the appearance and setting of development. All of the sites allocated for local green space are relatively small so are likely to have minor rather than significant positive effects.
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	+	Protecting the identified local green space through policy DLP64 is likely to have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing the setting of heritage assets as further development (which may not be of a sympathetic nature with regards the existing character of the area) would be prevented from occurring.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	Protecting the identified local green space through policy DLP64 is likely to have a positive effect on conserving and enhancing biodiversity as a result of habitat creation and because the approach will help to avoid habitat fragmentation as a result of development. All of the sites allocated for local green space are relatively small so are likely to have minor rather than significant positive effects.
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	Protecting the identified local green space through policy DLP64 is likely to have a positive effect on flood risk management as this approach will retain areas of permeable land and help to reduce runoff rates.
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	DLP64 will not have a direct effect on this SA objective.

DLP65: New Open Space

One reasonable alternative option is identified in relation to this Draft Local Plan policy, as described in the Local Plan document:

RA1: An alternative would be to continue the approach set out in UDP policy H18, requiring open space provision from residential proposals over a certain threshold.

SA Objectives	DLP65	RA1	Justification
1. Increase the number and range of employment opportunities available for local people, and ensure that they are accessible.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
2. Achieve an economy better	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP65	RA1	Justification
capable of growth through increasing investment, innovation and Entrepreneurship.			
3. Ensure education facilities are available to all.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
4. Improve the health of local people and ensure that they can access the health and social care they need.	++	+	<p>The Draft Policy seeks to secure well-designed new and improved open space, sport and recreation facilities in the district to encourage everyone in Kirklees to be as physically active as possible and promote a healthy lifestyle for all. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having more of a prescriptive policy in the Local Plan by requiring housing proposals on sites of 0.4 ha or above to provide public open space provision at a minimum of 30 sq metres per dwelling. This approach would still support the delivery of open spaces with the associated benefits for health; however it would not require all housing developments to provide open space and does not allow individual circumstances to be taken into account. A minor rather than significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
5. Protect local amenity including avoiding noise and light pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 is likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
6. Retain and enhance access to local services and facilities.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
7. Make our communities safer by reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
8. Protect and enhance existing and support the provision of new recreation facilities and areas of open space and encourage their usage.	++	+	<p>Under DLP65 all new housing developments will be required to provide or contribute towards new open space or the improvement of existing provision in the area. The design of the open space will reflect the housing type ensuring that their usage can be optimised. As such, a significant positive effect is likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having more of a prescriptive policy in the Local Plan by requiring housing proposals on sites of 0.4 ha or above to provide public open space provision at a minimum of 30 sq metres per dwelling. This approach would still support the delivery of open spaces; however it would not require all housing developments to provide open space and does not allow individual circumstances to be taken into account. A minor rather than significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
9. Ensure all people are able to live in a decent home which meets their needs.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
10. Secure an effective and safe transport network which encourages people to make use of sustainable	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.

SA Objectives	DLP65	RA1	Justification
and active modes of transport.			
11. Secure the efficient and prudent use of land.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
12. Protect and enhance the character of Kirklees and the quality of the landscape and townscape.	++	+	<p>The provision of open space within new developments will improve its appearance and setting in the landscape, as well as the appearance of the wider townscape. The Draft Policy promotes the provision of well-designed open spaces that enhance the natural landscape/environment. As such a significant positive effect is likely.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having more of a prescriptive policy in the Local Plan by requiring housing proposals on sites of 0.4 ha or above to provide public open space provision at a minimum of 30 sq metres per dwelling. This approach would still support the delivery of open spaces; however it would not require all housing developments to provide open space and does not allow individual circumstances to be taken into account. A minor rather than significant positive effect is therefore likely.</p>
13. Conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
14. Maximise opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity.	+	+?	<p>The Draft Policy promotes the provision of open spaces which may have biodiversity benefits in relation to creating habitats or corridors to improve habitat connectivity. A minor positive effect is therefore likely in relation to this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve having more of a prescriptive policy in the Local Plan by requiring housing proposals on sites of 0.4 ha or above to provide public open space provision at a minimum of 30 sq metres per dwelling. This approach would still support the delivery of open spaces with the associated benefits for biodiversity; however it would not require all housing developments to provide open space and does not allow individual circumstances to be taken into account. The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>
15. Reduce air, water and soil pollution.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
16. Prevent inappropriate new development in flood risk areas and ensure development does not contribute to increased flood risk for existing property and people.	+	+?	<p>The Draft Policy promotes the provision of open spaces which may have flood risk management benefits in relation to allowing infiltration or even acting as water storage areas. A minor positive effect is therefore likely on this SA objective.</p> <p>RA1 would involve to have more of a prescriptive policy in the Local Plan by requiring housing proposals on sites of 0.4 ha or above to provide public open space provision at a minimum of 30 sq metres per dwelling. This approach would still support the delivery of open spaces with the associated benefits for flood risk management; however it would not require all housing developments to provide open space and does not allow individual circumstances to be taken into account. The potential positive effect is therefore less certain.</p>

SA Objectives	DLP65	RA1	Justification
17. Increase prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste close to source.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
18. Increase efficiency in water, energy and raw material use.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.
19. Reduce the contribution that the district makes to climate change.	0	0	Neither the Draft Policy nor RA1 are likely to have a direct effect on this SA objective.