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Assessment Appendix 15: IA of Protecting
Our Local Environment Policies**

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Policy LE1 – Noise Pollution and Vibration in New Development

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.</p>	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.</p>	<p>No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.</p> <p>In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green</p>	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.	
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and policies OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' address design. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' and CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities' of the Local Plan also address objective. In addition, PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy reflects the agent of change principle of the NPPF and also requires mitigation and/or refusal of proposals where they would likely result in a rise of complaints in relation to noise and/or vibration arising from new development, which can have a detrimental impact on health and health inequalities.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' also addresses flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address impacts on water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and policy LE2 'Ground	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
land, and remediate contaminated land							Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	None
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Network’ and JP-S5 ‘Flood Risk and the Water Environment’. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC3 ‘Managing Flood Risk’ and CC4 ‘Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water’ and N3 ‘Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development’.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 ‘Clean Air’ and Policy LE3 ‘Air Quality’ of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy reflects the agent of change principle of the NPPF and also requires mitigation and/or refusal of proposals where they would likely result in a rise of complaints in relation to noise and/or	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P1 ‘Sustainable Places’ and policy LE2 ‘Ground conditions and Contaminated Land’ and Policy LE3 ‘Air Quality’ of the	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						vibration arising from new development.	Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H1 'Delivering a Diverse Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective..	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							addresses economic growth.	
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PFE policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities'	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
tourism and leisure							and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan Policies C2, CO4 and TM1 as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs								
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positives, positives and neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements were made to the policy as a result of the IA.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.

Policy LE2 – Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy would have no impact on this objective.</p> <p>It is recognised however that remediated land/development on brownfield land will lessen the pressure to develop greenfield sites and thus help protect, conserve and enhance the green infrastructure network but it is considered this policy should score neutral.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.</p>	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective. In addition, Oldham is committed to producing The Oldham Code, this will consider ways to enhance the character and appearance of	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy would have an indirect positive impact on this objective. Remediation of ground conditions could for instance be linked to redevelopment of the Mills and their settings and thus help protect and enhance the historic environment.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and policies OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' address design. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Remediation of ground conditions will ensure	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' and CO9	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land						brownfield land can be reused for development.	‘Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities’ of the Local Plan also address objective. In addition, PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 ‘Sustainable Places’ and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	It is considered that the policy would have a minor positive impact on this objective as the policy ensures that mitigation is required as part of any proposed development to ensure that any land contamination is mitigated.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy could lead to improved health outcomes through the remediation and stabilisation of land.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 ‘Health’ and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 ‘Health Impact	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						Remediated land could form part of public open space for instance in new brownfield development, which in turn could help improve health and well-being.	Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' also addresses flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	It is considered that the policy requirements could have a positive impact on water quality. Remediated land will help improve water	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and	None

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availability of water resources						quality as run off from surface water will no longer carry pollutants to water sources.	CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address impacts on water quality.	
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a positive impact on this objective through the remediation of land improving soil quality on brownfield sites and also helping to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land by allowing for the development of brownfield sites before greenfield sites.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' and N3 'Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development'.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy would have a positive impact on this objective, as the remediation of contaminated land would lead to a direct benefit in terms of soil and land quality and also help improve possible detrimental impacts on human health.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policy LE1 'Noise and Vibration from New Development' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H1 'Delivering a Diverse Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy would have a positive impact on this objective in relation to the promotion of regeneration by supporting the remediation of brownfield land, which in turn will allow for the regeneration of sites within the borough and thus reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						through the creation of new jobs and homes.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan Policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', C2 'Development of main town centre uses' and TM1 'Tourism' as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
sustainable communities							and design aim to address this objective.	

The policy scored a mixture of significantly positives, positives and neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements were required as a result of the IA.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.

Policy LE3 – Air Quality

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy will restrict development which will have a detrimental impact on the natural environment in clause 1 and could result in improvements to the green infrastructure as part of any mitigation, such as including green walls.</p> <p>In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.</p>	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5 – 10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and Recreation' address this objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of	None

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enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting						have limited impact on this objective.	the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and policies OTC3 'Creating a Better Public Realm for Oldham Town Centre' address design. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' and CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities' of the Local Plan also address objective. In addition, PfE Policies Policy JP-S1 'Sustainable Places'	None

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							and Policy JP-H4 also addresses efficient use of land.	
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	It is considered that the policy would have a positive impact on this objective as it ensures a requirement for mitigation in relation to any potential air quality impacts associated with new development, which could include new infrastructure such as transport improvements.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	It is considered that the policy would have a positive impact on this objective. Poor air quality is linked to an increase in asthma in children	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 'Hot Food	None

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						and causes excess deaths every year. The requirements of the policy would help ensure that air quality is not worsened and/or improved by new development and any impacts on air quality are appropriately mitigated.	Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure, including OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre' and OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' address health and well-being.	
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy would have no direct impact on this objective, but would have an indirect positive impact, primarily in relation to any mitigation for schemes that could impact on air quality, such as street trees or living roofs/walls which would help	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' also addresses flood risk.	None

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						mitigate the impact of flood risk.		
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will have an indirect positive impact on this objective, primarily in relation to the link between soil quality and air pollution. The policy aims to restrict development which will have a severe detrimental impact on the natural environment, which could include water quality. Furthermore, mitigation for new development could include schemes that could improve water quality, such as increased urban greening and street trees.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address impacts on water quality.	None

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11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will have an indirect positive impact on this objective, primarily in relation to the link between soil quality and air pollution. The policy aims to restrict development which will have a severe detrimental impact on the natural environment, which could include soil quality. Furthermore, mitigation for new development could include schemes that could improve soil quality, such as increased urban greening, street trees.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 'A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity' and policy LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would	PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy',	None

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energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy						have no impact on this objective.	JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 'Sustainable Construction, Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting' and CC2 'Renewable and Low Carbon Energy'.	
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable	None

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							Drainage – Foul and Surface Water’ and N3 ‘Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development’.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will ensure that air quality is not worsened and/or is improved by new development and any impacts on air quality are appropriately mitigated. In particular mitigation could propose things such as new bus stops, active travel etc which could all help improve air quality in the locality of new development.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-S6 ‘Clean Air’ also addresses air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will ensure that air quality is not worsened by new	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-P1 ‘Sustainable Places’ and policies LE1 ‘Noise	None

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						development and any impacts on air quality are appropriately mitigated.	and Vibration from New Development' and LE2 'Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land' also address local environmental quality.	
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy would have an indirect positive impact on this objective. In particular mitigation could propose things such as new bus stops, active travel etc which could all help improve air quality in the locality of new development.	No mitigation needed. PFE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and	None

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							Facilities' and H1 'A Diverse Housing Offer' can help influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PFE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would ensure that development does not worsen and/or improves air quality in the locality, thus creating more sustainable growth however its impact is not considered to be such that it should score positive.	No mitigation needed. PFE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would	No mitigation needed. PFE policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure	None

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Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						have limited impact on this objective.	Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan policies C1 'Our Centres', C3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as the other policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PFE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan Policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', C2 'Development of main town centre uses'	None

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							and TM1 'Tourism' as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies OTC1 'Oldham Town Centre', CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential Development' address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

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management of minerals								
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of positives and neutrals. The policy scored significantly positive against a number of objectives such as 7, 8, 14 and 15. Where policies have score neutral, mitigation is provided by other policies in the plan or within Places for Everyone. In relation to objectives 24 and 25, it is considered that mitigation is provided by the existing Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste DPD.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.