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## Policy N1 – Protecting Nature

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	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy will directly help to protect and conserve Green Infrastructure, biodiversity, and geodiversity.</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 required. Local Plan policies N2 and N3 on nature also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Through protecting sites designated for nature this will help preserve open spaces, however the policy does not relate to quality and	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						accessibility of open spaces.	In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Protecting sites designated for nature will preserve these landscapes retaining Oldham's sense of place.	No mitigation required. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will indirectly protect and conserve the historic environment as a consequence of protecting sites designated for nature where they overlap with heritage assets and designations.	No mitigation required. 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

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			
						The policy will not enhance the settings of heritage assets, however.		
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will protect nature designations which retains an attractive environment, but it will not promote high quality design in developments.	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Protecting sites designated for nature will mean that development is focussed towards less sensitive areas in general which will indirectly influence the availability of land and the use of this in a more efficient and effective manner.	No mitigation required. 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

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			
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although biodiversity is critical to life the policy is not really ensuring the provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs.	No mitigation required. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although biodiversity is critical to life and being around nature can aid good well-being the policy is not really seeking to improve health and wellbeing.	No mitigation required. 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 address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will indirectly help mitigate flood risk through slowing the flow of water on designated and	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						non-designated nature sites.	'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' of the Local Plan also addresses 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 help achieve this as the Rochdale Canal is a Special Area of Conservation and many nature designations overlap with Source Protection Zones and watercourses.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including policies CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' of the Local Plan also addresses water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Protecting nature designations and non-designated nature will protect the soil that supports these habitats and ecosystems. Nature designations also overlap with agricultural land.	No mitigation required. 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



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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Protecting biodiversity will indirectly help to provide cooling reducing the effects of rising temperatures.	No mitigation required. 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	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Protecting biodiversity will indirectly help to capture carbon which will help improve air quality.	No mitigation required. 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	Protecting biodiversity can help provide an attractive environment and provides other benefits such as tranquillity, cleaner air etc which all contributes towards environmental quality.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	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			
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 will have a limited impact on this objective as it is seeking to protect nature value rather than improve transport objectives.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-3 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 will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited	No mitigation required. All the policies within	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
reduce levels of deprivation and disparity						impact on this objective.	PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation. 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	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			
							Assessments and Sequential Tests' and C4 'Changes of use and redevelopment within the borough's centres' as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although the landscape within which Oldham's biodiversity sits within may attract tourism and leisure the policy is not seeking to promote tourism and leisure.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan policies C3, CO4 and TM1 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 will have limited impact on this objective although it is noted that biodiversity and geodiversity sites offer an	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New	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			
						educational resource.	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 will not help in contributing towards the sustainable housing land supply. In some ways the policy is a constraint but nevertheless it is part of the site selection process for finding suitable sites.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Many of the nature designations and non-designated assets overlap with mineral safeguarding areas within Oldham therefore the policy will indirectly help achieve this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Minerals Plan cover minerals.	None

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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Waste Plan covers waste.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The aim of the Local Plan is to ensure mixed, balanced, and inclusive communities through for example policies on housing and design.	None

The policy scored a mix of neutral, positives and significantly positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were made 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 N2 – Restoring Nature

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	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy seeks a net gain in biodiversity which offer the best biodiversity value with the local priorities for nature recovery therefore the policy will significantly help towards 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 required. Local Plan policies N1 and N3 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also address this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Net gain may be incorporated with landscaping and open space therefore this policy should help achieve this objective.	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.	None



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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Net gain may be incorporated with landscaping therefore this policy should help achieve this objective indirectly.	No mitigation required. 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	--	--	--	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses 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			
							historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Providing biodiversity net gain will help contribute towards high quality, beautiful design.	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will ensure that land is used effectively by aiming to steer nature recovery where the priorities are for nature and therefore focussing development elsewhere making use of brownfield land.	No mitigation required. 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will ensure delivery of a statutory requirement to deliver necessary green infrastructure.	No mitigation required. 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 will directly bring people into more contact with nature and landscaped environments which will have a positive impact on developments and people across Oldham.	No mitigation required. 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 address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Indirectly BNG will naturally help slow the flow of water particularly where this is integrated with the strategy for sustainable drainage.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies	None

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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	River basin management plan measures can contribute towards net gain therefore the policy will indirectly help achieve this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including policies CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' of the Local Plan also addresses water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	BNG will help improve soil quality particularly where land has been intensively used in the past and is low grade. This should mostly be within the borough but could be outside the planning boundaries.	No mitigation required. 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

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Increasing biodiversity will indirectly help to provide cooling reducing the effects of rising temperatures.	No mitigation required. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green	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-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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Enhancing biodiversity will indirectly help to capture carbon which will have a secondary impact of improving air quality.	No mitigation required. 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	Enhancing biodiversity can help provide an attractive environment and provides other benefits such as	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						tranquillity, cleaner air etc which all indirectly contributes towards environmental quality.	in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the 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 will have a limited impact on this objective as it is seeking to restore nature value rather than improve transport objectives.	No mitigation required. 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H2 'Housing Mix' can help influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although BNG will help create more attractive places all developments will be required to meet the policy therefore its impact on this objective will be fairly limited.	No mitigation required. 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	Although there may be more ecology jobs related to BNG the policy is not seeking to create jobs in itself.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the	None



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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also 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	Although BNG will help create more attractive centres all developments will be required to meet the policy therefore its impact on this objective will be fairly limited and the net gain may be limited on such brownfield sites.	No mitigation. 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 policies for Oldham Town centre and	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although the landscape within which Oldham's biodiversity sits within may attract tourism and leisure the policy is not seeking to promote tourism and leisure.	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan policies C3, CO4 and TM1 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential Development'	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			
							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 will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	?	?	?	Temporary/ Permanent	Cross-boundary	There may be an overlap with BNG and mineral safeguarding areas and although BNG would temporarily then preclude the working of minerals for at least 30 years it would not sterilise the minerals from being extracted in the long term so would not have permanent impacts.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Waste Plan covers waste.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The aim of	None

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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
and inclusive sustainable communities							the Local Plan is to ensure mixed, balanced, and inclusive communities through for example policies on housing and design.	

The policy has neutral, positive and significantly positive scores. There was one uncertain score given against minerals as securing a site for off site BNG would prevent any mineral working on that site over a thirty-year period. It would not however sterilise the minerals permanently. It was not considered that mitigation is needed as on balance enhancing biodiversity is not leading to the sterilisation of minerals unlike development.

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 N3 – Enhancing Green Infrastructure through development

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	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy requires new development to provide new and / or enhanced green infrastructure and in larger development link to the wider landscape.</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 required. Local Plan policies N1 and N2 on nature also address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also address this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires developments to use opportunities, where present, to create continuous and enlarged open space adjacent to the rivers, which will help achieve this objective.	<p>No mitigation required. 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 Infrastructure Network'</p>	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires developments to enhance the landscape setting of the site by improving the character, appearance and condition of access corridors, gateways, settlement edges and landscape features, including historic environment assets where appropriate.	No mitigation required. 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires developments to enhance the landscape setting of the site and landscape features, including historic environment assets where appropriate.	No mitigation required. 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,	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will aid high quality functional design such through	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D7 of the	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
beautiful design that meets local design expectations						inclusion of food production and better linkages but also beautiful design through the provision of new and/or enhanced green infrastructure.	Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design.	
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help ensure that land is used effectively through seeking to maximise functionality of green spaces within development proposals.	No mitigation required. Policy H3 'Housing Density' 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
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help ensure the delivery of a net gain in green infrastructure.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will help with the health agenda through	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health'	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
well-being and reduce health inequalities						requiring developments where possible to provide for food production, active travel, cooling and open space which will all help create healthier communities. One of the priority themes within the Green Infrastructure Strategy is healthy and active communities.	and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on 'Hot Food Takeaways' and policies on green infrastructure 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 links to slowing the flow priority themes from the GI Strategy and the policy requires incorporation of open spaces adjacent to rivers where possible to allow for flood storage and multifunctional use of green spaces which would encourage sustainable drainage.	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy requires incorporation of open spaces adjacent to rivers which would provide opportunities for enhancement of corridors and slow the flow which links to water quality. One of the	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including policies CC5 'Water Efficiency' and	None



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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
water resources						priorities themes within the Green Infrastructure Strategy is slowing the flow and a quality water environment.	CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' of the Local Plan also addresses water quality.	
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Providing new and enhanced green infrastructure will help improve soil and land quality.	No mitigation required. 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 energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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

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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	+	+	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will help provide cooling and manage surface water flood risk and provide space for water storage and also provide opportunities for local food production increasing green infrastructure over the years. The priority themes within the Green Infrastructure Strategy include slowing the flow and a quality water environment, healthy and active communities and carbon neutral Oldham. These will all contribute to this objective.	No mitigation required. 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 other policies that address this objective include CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water'.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will help capture carbon which will help improve air quality. One of the priorities themes within the Green Infrastructure Strategy is carbon neutral Oldham.	No mitigation required. 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	Enhancing green infrastructure through developments will mean that developments are of a high quality and beautiful.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							section of the 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy requires larger developments to enhance pedestrian and cycle connectivity between residential areas, town centres, schools and workplaces, outdoor sports, tourism and recreational facilities, public transport services and the countryside around the site.	No mitigation required. . PFE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-3 and design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires larger developments to enhance pedestrian and cycle connectivity between residential areas, town centres, schools and workplaces,	No mitigation required. PFE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities',	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
the need to travel						outdoor sports, tourism and recreational facilities, public transport services and the countryside around the site.	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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help promote regeneration and reduce deprivation by making sure that developments look at the needs of an areas such as health deprivation and link provision of green infrastructure to that need and include where possible provision for food production so residents can access healthy foods. One of the priority themes within the Green Infrastructure Strategy is healthy and active communities.	No mitigation required. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	One of the Green Infrastructure priority themes that the policy links to, which developments would need to consider is sustainable growth and green jobs.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will help create attractive centres which are functional offering cooling and other benefits.	No mitigation. 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 policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy links to the GI Strategy which includes	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and	None

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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
tourism and leisure						opportunities for tourism enhancements.	JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan policies C3, 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies 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	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

<b>IA Objective</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Effects are Temporary or Permanent</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Mitigation / enhancement</b>	<b>Changes made as a result of the IA</b>
	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Minerals Plan cover minerals.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Waste Plan covers waste.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy encourages green access for all which will ensure that communities have access to green space within close proximity and provide spaces to integrate.	No mitigation required. The aim of the Local Plan is to ensure mixed, balanced, and inclusive communities through for example policies on housing and design.	None

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positive, and significantly positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy 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 N4 – Tree Replacement

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 steer applicants into aiming to retain as many trees as possible, particularly mature trees protecting green infrastructure and will require the provision of a number of replacement trees therefore contributing towards enhanced green infrastructure.</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 required. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature of the Local Plan 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	The policy links to compensating tree loss rather than open spaces although this may overlap with open spaces.	No mitigation required. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced Open Spaces' address open space.	None



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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 'Green 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Trees are part of the landscape particularly ancient trees therefore protecting them will maintain a sense of place.	No mitigation required. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy sets out the approach for addressing loss of historic trees.	No mitigation required. 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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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will indirectly do this as it will help applicants consider whether tree removal is unavoidable in the siting and design of developments.	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address 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 will have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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-H1 also addresses efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Although loss of trees should be avoided the policy sets out the requirements for compensating tree loss and therefore this element of green infrastructure.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
development needs								
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	--	+	+	Permanent	Local	Trees provide health benefits however given that the policy is compensating tree loss its not considered that the policy will help improve wellbeing in the short term as tree saplings will be replacing more mature trees so the benefits will not be felt in the early years. However, in the long term once trees are mature this could lead to improved health benefits.	No mitigation required. 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 address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	--	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires replacement trees however this is to replace larger trees therefore initially this could have limited impacts on flood risk mitigation, but these benefits should improve over the years once trees mature.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 'Managing Flood Risk' and CC4 'Sustainable Drainage – Foul and Surface Water' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources							Environment' and policies within the Local Plan including CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' also address water quality.	
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires replacement trees, however this is to replace larger trees therefore initially this could have limited impacts on soil quality however these benefits should improve over the years once trees mature.	No mitigation required. 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 energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							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	--	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy requires replacement trees, however this is to replace larger trees therefore initially this could have limited impacts on resilience to climate change however these benefits should improve over the years once trees mature.	No mitigation required. 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	--	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy requires replacement trees, however this is to replace larger trees therefore initially this could	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air	None

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						have limited impacts on air quality however these benefits should improve over the years once trees mature.	Quality' of the Local Plan also address air quality	
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Trees are considered to be part of a quality local environmental offering benefits which further adds to environmental quality therefore a policy approach which steers avoiding loss of trees and compensating where required will help to protect and improve environmental quality.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have limited impact on this objective although tree lined streets can encourage active travel.	No mitigation required. 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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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and	

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	ST < 5 years	MT 5-10 years	LT 10+ years	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation. 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 policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and	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							JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan policies C3, 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 will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies 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	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

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	<b>ST &lt; 5 years</b>	<b>MT 5-10 years</b>	<b>LT 10+ years</b>	<b>T or P</b>	<b>Local or Cross-boundary</b>			
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Minerals Plan cover minerals.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. The GM Waste Plan covers waste.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. 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 neutral, positives and significantly positives. It was noted where the impacts would change over the short to long term once trees that were replaced matured. 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.

