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Assessment Appendix 9: IA of Natural
Environment and Open Land Policies**

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Policy OL1 – Consideration for the Peak District National Park

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| 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>Policy will have a positive effect due to ensuring development does not conflict with purposes of the PDNP, which includes its natural beauty, wildlife and enjoyment of the Peak District.</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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The policy seeks to protect the purpose of the PDNP which includes the enjoyment of its | No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 'Protection of Existing Open Spaces' and CO2 'New and Enhanced | None |

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| | | | | | | natural beauty which will include open spaces. It doesn't address quality and accessibility of open spaces however as this is a matter for the PDNPA. | Open Spaces' address open space. 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 | The policy will protect the character and appearance of the PDNP as it will take into account views and sensitivities of its cultural heritage. The policy may not have a strong role in enhancing landscapes as this will be limited given that land is within the PDNPA but there may sometimes be opportunities to replace detracting | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective. | None |

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| | | | | | | features with better designed development /landscapes. | | |
| 4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The policy will protect cultural heritage, ensuring development does not conflict with the PDNP purposes. It will not necessarily have a strong role in enhancing the historic environment of the PDNP however. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The policy isn't seeking to explicitly set out design requirements but by definition by ensuring development does not conflict with the purposes of the PDNP this will promote a higher quality of design. | No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design. | None |

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| 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 whilst development may be more constrained towards the PDNP the policy does not in itself ensure the effective and efficient use of brownfield land. | No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy does not relate to the provision of supporting infrastructure other than the enjoyment of the PDNP. | 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 | + | + | + | N/A | N/A | The policy will ensure development does not conflict with the purposes of the PDNP which includes the understanding and enjoyment of the Peak District. This | 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 | None |

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| | | | | | | links to health and well-being and promoting understanding can be promoted within different communities. | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a neutral impact as it is not addressing flood risk specifically. | 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' 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 water resources | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a neutral impact as development within Oldham's planning boundary will have limited influence of the quality of water bodies and river corridors within the PDNP. | No mitigation needed. 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 | None |

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| | | | | | | | Protection Zones' also address water quality. | |
| 11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy cannot control development within the planning boundary of the PDNP therefore its impact will be limited. | 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 energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy | x | x | x | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The policy could constrain the development of renewable energy and low carbon energy, where it conflicts with the purposes of the PDNP. | It is not considered that mitigation is needed as this area is unlikely to be acceptable for wind turbines. 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 | None |

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| | | | | | | | '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 cannot control development within the planning boundary of the PDNP therefore its impact will be limited. | 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 cannot control development within the planning boundary of the PDNP therefore its | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the | None |

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| | | | | | | impact will be limited, although development is more likely to be more limited close to the PDNP boundary. | Local Plan also addresses air quality. | |
| 15. To protect and improve local environmental quality | + | + | + | N/A | N/A | The policy will indirectly have a positive impact through ensuring that development does not conflict with the purposes of the PDNP, including its natural beauty and enjoyment. | No mitigation needed. 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, | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy does not in itself contribute to 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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| including the walking and 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 has a limited impact on this IA 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have limited impact on regenerating areas of deprivation. It seeks to maintain the purposes of the PDNP. | No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity. | None |

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| 19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will help protect the purposes of the PDNP which may link to sustainable growth, however it will not in itself promote growth and job creation. | 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 | There is no link between the policy and this IA 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 | None |

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| | | | | | | | 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 | The policy will have a positive impact through ensuring development does not conflict with the purposes of the PDNP. This will help ensure that the gateway into the PDNP is enjoyed which promotes tourism and leisure. | No mitigation needed. 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 not influence this IA objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential | None |

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| | | | | | | | 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 influence this IA 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 will have a neutral impact however it is noted that the PDNPA would be a consideration in the determination on applications for minerals within close proximity to the PDNP. | No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this. | None |
| 25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a neutral impact. | No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this. | None |

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| waste hierarchy | | | | | | | | |
| 26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will not have a strong impact on this IA objective in itself. | 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. There was one potentially negative impact in relation to IA12 'To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy' as the policy could constrain the development of renewable energy and low carbon energy where it conflicts with the purposes of the Peak District National Park. However, it is not considered that mitigation is needed as this area is unlikely to be acceptable for wind turbines and this objective can be met in other ways. Policies CC1 and CC2 also addresses energy.

The policy has a cross boundary impact with the Peak District National Park.

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Policy OL2 –Protecting and enhancing Oldham’s Green Belt

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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 | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | <p>The policy will protect and conserve Oldham’s Green Belt which is part of the multi-functional GI network and includes nature designations and geodiversity (RIGS). The policy also encourages the enhancement and positive use of the Green Belt, and this can include promoting wildlife corridors.</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 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | <p>The policy will protect and conserve Oldham’s Green Belt which includes open spaces. It also encourages the enhancement and positive use of the Green Belt and this relates to recreation</p> | No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies CO1 ‘Protection of Existing Open Spaces’ and CO2 ‘New and Enhanced Open Spaces’ address open space. | None |

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| | | | | | | although not necessarily to the open space standards | 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 | The Green Belt is part of Oldham's distinctiveness and sense of place and the landscape features within it. The policy will ensure that only appropriate development will be approved, except in very special circumstances, therefore ensuring that this objective is achieved. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to protect and enhance Oldham's Green Belt, which by its nature has a strong role within Oldham's historic environment and is one of the Green Belt purposes to | No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| and their setting | | | | | | preserve the setting and special character of historic towns. Through protecting the openness of Oldham's Green Belt and only allowing appropriate developments, unless there are very special circumstances, this will ensure that the historic environment is protected to a strong degree, particularly where the Green Belt forms part of the settings to heritage assets. | addresses the historic environment. | |
| 5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | Indirectly developments having to ensure that they protect the openness of the Green Belt will drive a higher quality of design. | No mitigation needed. 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, | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to protect the remaining Green Belt within Oldham, only allowing limited types of development. In doing so this will contribute to the first three green belt purposes on preventing | No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' 'Housing Mix' of the Local Plan also address objective. | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| maximising the use of brownfield land | | | | | | sprawl of large built-up areas, preventing neighbouring towns from merging into one another and assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. This ensures that the spatial strategy for new growth and development is directed towards the urban area, with most development being on brownfield land and in doing so ensures that land is used efficiently through other policies on density etc. | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will not particularly address this objective. There may be some secondary / indirect impact through the implementation of the policy such as extensions to PROW / walking and cycling infrastructure where the Green Belt is enhanced but this is likely to be limited to strategic allocations identified in PfE. | No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. | None |

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| 8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | Through protecting and enhancing Oldham's Green Belt this will have a positive impact on health as the Green Belt provides space for recreation, including tranquillity. Enhancements may also go some way to improving recreation within the Green Belt which could improve access into the Green Belt linking communities better, but it has to be recognised that this may be limited to around strategic allocations. It is also appreciated that some of the more deprived wards so not have Green Belt within them. | 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 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 | Through protecting and enhancing Oldham's Green Belt this will have a positive impact on flood risk as enhancements that have been identified to date include sustainable drainage and the Green Belt | 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' | None |

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| | | | | | | (greenfield parts) offers greenfield run off rates. | 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 | Through protecting and enhancing Oldham's Green Belt this will have a positive impact on water resources as the Green Belt overlaps with water catchment areas and water safeguard zones and so generally these will be protected and only limited development permitted, which will be controlled where necessary with appropriate measures. | No mitigation needed. 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 | Through protecting and enhancing Oldham's Green Belt this will consequently protect soil and agricultural land through limiting development and there may be instances where contaminated land, is redeveloped and remediated within the Green Belt. Green Belt enhancements such as those related to wildlife may enrich soil quality. | 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 |

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| 12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy | X /? | X /? | X /? | Permanent | Local | The policy could constrain the development of renewable energy and low carbon energy, where it conflicts with the purposes of the Green Belt. | It is not considered that mitigation is needed as it may not be acceptable for renewable schemes, particularly wind turbines, to be permitted and proposals needs to be determined on their own merits (assuming the Green Belt was within an identified area of search for wind energy). 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | Whilst it is recognised that the Green Belt can provide | No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies | None |

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| and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change | | | | | | functions that link to climate change and the policy promotes enhancements which can include those on flood risk reduction this may be limited to green belt within close proximity to strategic allocations and only goes a limited way to ensuring communities are resilient to climate change generally. | 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'. | |
| 14. To protect and improve air quality | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | Indirectly by protecting and enhancing the Green Belt this ensures spatially development is directed towards urban areas where there is better public transport infrastructure and opportunities for active travel and access to services. The Green Belt offers a role in | 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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| | | | | | | terms of carbon storage and wildlife enhancements. | | |
| 15. To protect and improve local environmental quality | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The Green Belt is considered to offer local environmental quality in most cases and protecting this in line with NPPF will ensure that local environmental quality is maintained and/or enhanced. | No mitigation needed. 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 cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network | + / ? | +/? | +/? | Permanent | Local | Protecting the Green Belt will protect the existing walking / cycling infrastructure. There may be Green Belt enhancements including improved access such as creation of walking / cycling routes or the improvement of routes but these are unknown at this stage. | 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 | | | |
| 17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to protect the remaining Green Belt within Oldham, only allowing limited types of development. This ensures that the spatial strategy for new growth and development is directed towards the urban area, and in doing so ensures that development is directed towards areas in close proximity to key services. | 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 seeks to protect the remaining Green Belt within Oldham, only allowing limited types of development. In doing so this will help serve green belt purpose five to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. This ensures that the spatial strategy for growth and development is directed towards the urban area, which in turn promotes the regeneration of areas and | No mitigation needed. All the policies within PFE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity. | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | land within the urban area. The secondary impact of this is that new development within the urban area then contributes towards reducing levels of deprivation and disparity. | | |
| 19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy allows development where it accords with NPPF, which may allow development linked to job creation. However, the policy isn't seeking to achieve this in itself. | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy seeks to protect the remaining Green Belt within Oldham, only allowing limited types of development. This ensures that the spatial strategy for new growth and development is directed towards the urban area, which includes centres. | 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 | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill | | | | | | Whilst three may be an argument to say the policy will help achieve this it is felt that the score should be neutral as it isn't directing development specifically to centres in itself. | 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. | |
| 21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The Green Belt is part of Oldham's identity, with the special qualities of the landscape types being part of Oldham's tourism offer and the functions that the Green Belt provides, such as those related to recreation. | No mitigation needed. 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 not influence this IA objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy jp-p5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies 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 | Whilst some housing may be granted planning permission within the green belt, in line with NPPF and this policy, the policy is not seeking to achieve this IA objective in itself. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | Protecting the Green Belt will indirectly ensure that the minerals within the minerals safeguard areas within the borough are protected in line with the GM Minerals Plan. Areas of search in Oldham for minerals are also within the Green Belt and would be determined in line with NPPF and the GM Minerals Plan. | No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this. | None |
| 25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a neutral impact. | No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this. | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| waste hierarchy | | | | | | | | |
| 26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will not have a strong impact on this IA objective in itself. | 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 neutrals, positives and significantly positives. A potentially negative / unsure score was given against IA 12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy as the policy could constrain the development of renewable energy and low carbon energy, where it conflicts with the purposes of the Green Belt. It is not considered that mitigation is needed as it may not be acceptable for renewable schemes, particularly wind turbines, to be permitted and proposals needs to be determined on their own merits (assuming the Green Belt was within an identified area of search for wind energy).

An unsure / positive was also given to IA 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 as there may be Green Belt enhancements including improved access such as creation of walking / cycling routes or the improvement of routes, but delivery of these is unknown at this stage.

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 OL3 – Extensions and alterations to existing buildings within the Green Belt

| IA Objective | Score | Score | Score | Effects are Temporary or Permanent | Scale | Justification | Mitigation / enhancement | Changes made as a result of the IA |
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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 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 | The policy will have a limited impact on this objective. 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. | No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PFE Greener chapter also address this objective. | None |
| 2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a 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 | None |

| IA Objective | Score | Score | Score | Effects are Temporary or Permanent | Scale | Justification | Mitigation / enhancement | Changes made as a result of the IA |
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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | '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 is seeking to ensure that disproportionate extensions and alterations to existing buildings within the Green Belt does not take place, thereby protecting the openness and therefore character and appearance of place. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy states that the design must be sympathetic in keeping with the character of the original building and surrounding vernacular. This will ensure the protection and enhancement of the historic environment, where | 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. | No mitigation required however design was mentioned twice and therefore to remove repetition reference to design |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | relevant. In addition, ensuring that disproportionate extensions and alterations do not take place will preserve the openness of the Green Belt and its purposes, including to preserve the special character and setting of historic towns. | | was removed from criterion 1. |
| 5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy states that the design must be sympathetic in keeping with the character of the original building and surrounding vernacular and sets out detail one ensuring that developments are no disproportionate to the original building. This will help | No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PFE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design. | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | promote high quality, beautiful design. | | |
| 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 does not particularly relate to this although it may help ensure that homes can be altered to suit changing occupiers needs, ensuring continued use of existing buildings in an appropriate manner in line with Green Belt policy in NPPF. | No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited impact on 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited impact on this objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited impact on 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' 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 water resources | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited impact on this objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP—S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and Local Plan policies CC5 'Water Efficiency' and CC6 'Groundwater Source Protection Zones' of | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | the Local Plan also address water quality. | |
| 11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | Although ensuring extensions / alterations to existing buildings are not disproportionate may help reduce the footprint of new build on greenfield land it is considered that its contribution will be limited. | 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 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 needed. 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 | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | '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 will have a 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 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 will have a limited impact on this objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | the Local Plan also addresses air quality. | |
| 15. To protect and improve local environmental quality | + | + | + | P | L | By ensuring extensions / alternations are not disproportionate to the original building this will ensure that local environmental quality is protected. Occasionally extensions are replacing a previous addition and sometimes the new development is an enhancement which contributes towards an improved local environmental quality by way of improved appearance. | No mitigation needed. 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, | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited impact on this objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Local Plan policies T1-T3 and | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network | | | | | | | design policies that address promoting sustainable transport choices. | |
| 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 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a 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 |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| 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 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 will have a limited impact on 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 | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 | The policy will have a limited impact on this objective although it is noted that the policy may be applicable to proposals related to the tourism industry. | No mitigation needed. 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 needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 will have a limited impact on this objective as it is not the main aim of the policy. It is noted however that the policy may help to provide larger family homes for example which may meet a local need. | 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 will have a limited impact on 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 will have a neutral impact. | No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this. | None |
| 26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will not have a strong impact on this IA objective in itself. | 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 to 10 years | LT 10 + years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | and design aim to address this objective. | |

The policy mostly scored neutral, with some positives, as it is a very specific policy not particularly impacting on many of the IA objectives. No changes were required to mitigate or enhance the policy as a result of the IA process however it was noted that design was stated twice within the policy and therefore reference to design was removed from criterion one to avoid repetition. The policy is considered to have local impacts, very close to where the development takes place.

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 OL4 – Local Green Space

| IA Objective | Score | Score | Score | Effects are temporary or Permanent | Scale | Justification | Mitigation / enhancement | Changes made as a result of the IA |
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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 | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | <p>The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, many of which will be significant due to their wildlife.</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> | <p>No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N3 on nature also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener chapter also addresses objective.</p> | None |
| 2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | <p>The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, many of which include open spaces.</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 Infrastructure Network' and JP-P7 'Sport and</p> | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which form part of the borough's distinctive landscapes and sense of place. | 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 | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, many of which are important due to their historic significance. The policy justification also notes enhancements opportunities have been identified which includes those from historic environment evidence. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, | No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| local design expectations | | | | | | which form part of the borough's distinctive landscapes and sense of place, which contributes towards beautiful places. | 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 seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which has a secondary impact of focussing development within the urban area, making use of brownfield land. Reuse of buildings is also permitted within the policy. | No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' 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 | Green Infrastructure is part of the necessary infrastructure to support development and ensuring that there are Local Green Spaces in close proximity to where development occurs will contribute towards this objective. Local | No mitigation needed. 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 | | | |
| | | | | | | transport infrastructure is also permitted. | | |
| 8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which offer recreation and tranquillity functions which provides positive benefits to health and well being. The policy allows limited development such as small scale proposals that enhance recreation value which may contribute further to this objective in the longer term. | 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 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 seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which by their nature will provide land to manage surface water run-off and fluvial flood risk. | 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' of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk. | None |

| IA Objective | Score | Score | Score | Effects are temporary or Permanent | Scale | Justification | Mitigation / enhancement | Changes made as a result of the IA |
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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| 10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | It is considered that development will be limited therefore reducing risk of any adverse impacts on water quality, however most LGSs will not have a strong impact from the policy alone. | No mitigation needed. 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 | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which will protect soil within the Local Green Spaces from inappropriate development. Some LGSs also include low grade agricultural land. | 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 energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited contribution to this objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-S2 'Carbon and Energy', JP-S3 'Heat and Energy Networks' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also addresses energy in | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which will provide spaces that provide multifunctional Green Infrastructure offering flood risk mitigation and cooling in close proximity to existing communities. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean | None |

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| | | | | | | Local Green Spaces, which will provide multifunctional Green Infrastructure providing carbon storage which will help protect air quality. | Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality. | |
| 15. To protect and improve local environmental quality | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which form part of the borough's distinctive landscapes and sense of place thereby contributing towards an attractive environment and tranquillity which will have a positive impact on this objective. | No mitigation needed. 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which include recreation routes and public rights of way offering connectivity between different communities and places allowing | 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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| walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network | | | | | | people to travel actively through walking and cycling. Local transport infrastructure is also permitted. | | |
| 17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which provide communities with access to green space in close proximity thereby reducing the need to travel further to alternative green spaces. | 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 seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which consequently focusses development within the urban area, making use of brownfield land and regeneration opportunities. Designation also allows | No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity. | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | access to green space and enhancing LGS where opportunities arise will contribute towards wider regeneration. | | |
| 19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy may allow some developments which could have links to job creation however it is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on 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, | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited contribution to 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 | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| Royton, Shaw and Uppermill | | | | | | | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The policy seeks to designate and protect Local Green Spaces, which offer sustainable leisure opportunities. | No mitigation needed. 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 | Although nature provides an educational resource and some LGSs may offer historic significance which could be revealed and enjoyed it is felt that the policies' role will be limited in contributing to this objective. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 'Education and Skills' and CO6 'Securing Educational Places through New Residential | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 make a strong contribution to the 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 | Protecting Local Green Spaces would safeguard any present minerals, however the Minerals Safeguarding Areas currently identified do not cover the Local Green Spaces. | No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this. | None |
| 25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | It is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on this objective. | No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this. | None |
| 26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | Local Green Spaces provide spaces where communities can integrate. | No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross Boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | design aim to address this objective. | |

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positive and significantly positive scores. The policy is likely to have local impacts overall as the policy affects sites within Oldham however there are some Local Green Spaces that are close to adjoining authority boundaries so some impacts could affect those areas e.g. enhancement of biodiversity. No mitigation or enhancements were needed to the plan 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 OL5 – Protecting dark skies and tranquillity

| IA Objective | Score | Score | Score | Effects are Temporary or Permanent | Scale | Justification | Mitigation / enhancement | Changes made as a result of the IA |
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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 | ++ | ++ | ++ | Permanent | Cross-boundary | <p>Part of the justification for the policy is that light pollution can affect wildlife behaviour therefore controlling and improving light pollution can contribute towards protecting and enhancing biodiversity.</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 and N2 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 is likely to have limited effects on this objective, although pitch lighting will need to be appropriate. | <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 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 | Cross-boundary | The policy explains that the borough's dark skies are an important part of Oldham's countryside character so therefore there are strong linkages between the policy and this objective with positive impacts expected. This may also affect light pollution on adjoining authorities. | 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 | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | As above Oldham's countryside / landscapes are part of the borough's historic environment and so protecting dark skies will contribute towards the wider historic environment and may help protect, and where opportunities arise enhance, the settings of heritage assets. | 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, | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | Controlling light spillage and glare and potentially | No mitigation needed. 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 | | | | | | reducing light pollution will help contribute towards high quality design. | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have limited impact on this IA objective. | No mitigation needed. Policy H3 'Density of New Housing' 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy is controlling how lighting is delivered within development schemes rather than influencing the provision therefore it is felt that the impact is neutral. | 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 introductory text to the policy explains that light pollution affects human health through for example disturbing sleep patterns | 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 | | | |
| | | | | | | and is associated with poorer mental health. Therefore, controlling light pollution better should have a positive impact on well-being. | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy is not likely to impact on 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' 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 water resources | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | As with biodiversity light pollution can have impacts on aquatic life and therefore controlling this will have a positive impact. | No mitigation needed. 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 |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| 11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | It is considered that the policy will impact on animal behaviour more so than soil. Therefore, it is felt that the impact is neutral. | 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 energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy | + | + | + | Permanent | Local | The policy should help drive a move towards using less energy through more energy efficient lighting / only using necessary lighting. | 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | It is considered that the impact from the policy on this objective will be limited. | No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| effects of climate change | | | | | | | 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'. | |
| 14. To protect and improve air quality | + | + | + | Permanent | Cross-boundary | The policy should help drive a move towards using less energy, through only using necessary lighting and more energy efficient lighting, and therefore will indirectly contribute to improved air quality. | 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 will help ensure that environmental quality is protected through ensuring that light spillage / glare is minimised and that there are | No mitigation needed. 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 | | | |
| | | | | | | no adverse impacts on amenity. The policy seeks to avoid introduction of light in areas of dark skies. | 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 is not considered to have an impact on this IA 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 not considered to have an impact on this IA 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 | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | 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 has limited impact on this IA 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 has limited impact on this IA 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 | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | Whilst better considered lighting schemes may contribute to improved public realm it is considered that the policy will have a limited impact on the overall vitality and viability of centres. | 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 | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill | | | | | | | 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. | |
| 21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | Whilst ensuring that tourism is accompanied by appropriate lighting the policy will not in itself promote tourism and leisure. | No mitigation needed. 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 needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies CO5 'Education and Skills' and | None |

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| | ST < 5 years | MT 5-10 years | LT 10+ years | T or P | Local or Cross-boundary | | | |
| | | | | | | | CO6 'Securing 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 will have a 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 management of minerals | -- | -- | -- | N/A | N/A | The policy will have a limited impact on 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 will have a 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 | The policy will have a 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 | None |

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

The policy scored a mixture of neutrals, positives and significantly positives. 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.