

Oldham Local Plan

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Appendix 10: IA of Oldham's Historic
Environment Policies**

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Policy HE1 –The Historic Environment

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, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy seeks to protect the historic environment parts of which may contribute to or enhance the setting of and be part of the GI network. The policy specifically references the protection, restoration and appreciation of the canals which are a significant part of the borough's GI network.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p>	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The policy seeks to protect the historic environment parts of which may contribute to or</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition,</p>	None

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						enhance the setting or sense of place of open spaces. The policy specifically references the protection, restoration and appreciation of the canals which are a recreation route.	PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 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 protect and enhance the historic environment which makes a significant contribution to the landscape, townscapes, local distinctiveness, and sense of place. The policy seeks to ensure the appearance of the conservation area is preserved and enhanced and recognises the mill clusters identified within the Mill's Strategy which should be considered in terms of their contribution to landscape.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment,	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly relates to this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies HE2 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2	None

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heritage assets and their setting							address the historic environment.	
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure development within or affecting the historic environment positively conserves and enhances the historic environment and historic assets. It includes particular reference to development within the conservation area and reference to conservation area management plans, which will ensure design expectations are met.	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 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 seeks to conserve and where appropriate enhance existing heritage assets, with particular reference to Oldham's Mills and safeguarding these assets and vacant assets within the town centre conservation area, as a key resource of brownfield land thereby reducing the	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None

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						need for development on greenfield land.		
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	None.
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The historic environment makes a positive contribution to health and well-being, including for visitors. The policy seeks to protect and enhance the historic environment.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy will protect and enable restoration and appreciation of the canals, in terms of their	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None.

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corridors and availability of water resources						contribution to the historic environment.		
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure the protection and enhancement of heritage assets, including mills, which from their industrial legacy often include contaminated land.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address 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 makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
climate change								
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly seeks to protect and enhance the borough's historic environment and assets, which contributes to improving environmental quality.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan address 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to protect and enable the restoration of the canals which are also Recreation Routes and pass-through adjoining authorities. The Oldham Town Centre Conversation Area Management Plan includes recommendations on improving the public realm which will encourage active travel.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

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of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly seeks to promote and support heritage-led regeneration and development.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy seeks to promote and support heritage-led regeneration and development, this could involve economic growth and job creation for local residents and residents outside of the borough.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to promote and enhance the historic environment and its assets many of which fall within the borough's centres. Also, the policy	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and	None

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the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill						seeks to enhance Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area with the aim of removing it from the 'at risk' register which will improve the vitality of the centre as a whole.	housing supports this objective	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Enhancement and protection of the borough's historic environment, including heritage-led regeneration and development will directly support sustainable tourism and leisure.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies address tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective, although it does seek to maximise opportunities to increase the understanding and interpretation of the borough's historic environment, which facilitates learning.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to safeguard heritage assets including the Mills which	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the	None

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supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs						provide a key housing land supply resource, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and development which could include the provision of housing.	Local Plan on housing address this objective.	
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy ensures heritage-led regeneration and development including the reuse of heritage assets such as textile mills which would reduce the need for new development and therefore contribute to the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD also addresses objective.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has no direct impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD also addresses objective.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy has no direct impact on this objective, but opportunities for increasing the understanding of the historic environment are	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design	None

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sustainable communities						promoted through this policy.	aim to address this objective.	

The policy scores a mixture of neutrals, positives and significantly positives. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA. There were no changes to scores between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stage as only footnotes to evidence have been added since the Draft Plan and scores are still considered appropriate.

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 HE2 –Securing the Preservation and Enhancement of Oldham’s Heritage Assets

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 priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-Boundary	<p>The policy seeks to protect the historic environment which includes elements of GI, such as open space and Green Belt, which may contribute towards the setting of heritage assets. Many GI assets are heritage assets in themselves.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this policy.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p>	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to protect the historic environment parts of which may overlap with open spaces.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
							JP-G2 and JP-P7 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 protect and enhance the historic environment which makes a significant contribution to the landscape, townscapes, local distinctiveness and sense of place.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly relates to this objective and should have a positive impact.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 and HE3 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure development sustains and enhances heritage assets and their settings. This will lead to higher quality design, including where work	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

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						involves heritage assets at risk. The policy requires development to be designed sympathetically.		
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 ensure development sustains and enhances heritage assets and their settings. It states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable sustainable uses. The policy will therefore have a direct impact through the reuse of heritage assets which will ensure that brownfield land and buildings are used effectively, reducing pressure on greenfield land.	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is not considered that the policy has an impact on this objective, although it is noted that the green infrastructure elements of the historic environment will form part of infrastructure.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or	None

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							obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The historic environment makes a positive contribution to health and well-being for residents and visitors. The policy seeks to sustain and enhance the historic environment, which can have wider social benefits. The policy also ensures that public benefits are taken into account when assessing proposals with the supporting text referring to health deprivation.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will protect and enable restoration and appreciation of the canals, in terms of their contribution to the historic	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

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corridors and availability of water resources						environment. Indirectly there may be opportunities through redevelopment / regeneration of mills to improve the quality of associated water bodies.		
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to ensure the preservation and enhancement of heritage assets, including the mills, which from their industrial legacy often include contaminated land.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address 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 makes no direct contribution to this objective although it is noted that the reuse of heritage assets contributes towards using less energy through construction.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this	None

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the effects of climate change							objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes no direct contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly seeks to sustain and enhance the borough's historic environment and assets, which contributes to improving environmental quality, particularly where heritage assets are at risk.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan address 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy seeks to sustain and enhance heritage assets which does include canals which form part of the transport network however it is not felt that the policy wording is such that the impact of this policy alone will make a strong enough contribution to score positive.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

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protection of the PROW Network								
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable sustainable uses consistent with their conservation and sensitive restoration. This will directly aid regeneration and help tackle deprivation through the secondary benefits, which could have a wider than local impact. Assessing public benefits will also consider wider economic and social benefits of a scheme.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and	None

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growth and job creation						sustainable uses consistent with their conservation and sensitive restoration. This may include uses associated with job creation and also specialist heritage skills required for any construction works.	Employment section of the Local Plan address 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 states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable sustainable uses consistent with their conservation and sensitive restoration. This will include assets within centres therefore helping to enhance the vitality and viability through making centres more attractive for future investment. The centres tend to have a high concentration of heritage assets and so the impact within these areas should be more significant,	No mitigation. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None

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						particularly Oldham Town Centre.		
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable sustainable uses consistent with their conservation and sensitive restoration. This may include uses associated with tourism and leisure and / or ensure that the borough maintains its distinctiveness which encourages people to come and enjoy Oldham's tourism offer.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable sustainable uses consistent with their conservation and	No mitigation required. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

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meet local housing needs						sensitive restoration. This may include proposals for housing.		
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy states the council will support opportunities to put heritage assets to viable sustainable uses consistent with their conservation and sensitive restoration. This will indirectly help reduce pressure on the need for mineral extraction for new development.	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 a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	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. 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 mix of neutral, positive and significantly positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA.

No changes to scores have been made between Draft Plan and Publication Plan as only minor amendments including a footnote to the at-risk register and an amendment of wording from permitted to supported have been made. Text to refer to the Local List in the supporting justification has also been added. In addition, scores were still considered appropriate.

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 HE3 –Development proposals affecting conservation areas

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, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance. This includes open spaces, the canal corridors etc which form part of the setting conservation areas, and which will indirectly contribute towards this objective. The policy also notes the statutory provisions for the protection of trees. In addition, a number of sites of biological interest overlap with conservation areas.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy 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 N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan	None

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						character and appearance. This includes open spaces, which is referenced within criterion 3, therefore contributing to this objective.	address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 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	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance. The policy sets out criteria for proposals within or affecting the setting of a conservation area all of which will help contribute towards this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy directly relates to this objective and should make a significantly positive contribution.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1, HE2, HE4 and HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should	No mitigation required. Policies	None

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design that meets local design expectations						preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance. The policy sets out criteria for proposals within or affecting the setting of a conservation area all of which will help contribute towards this objective. Criterion one specifically states proposals should be of high quality.	D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 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 prevent loss of buildings / elements that make a positive contribution to the significance of the conservation area therefore the policy seeks to ensure that appropriate assets are retained which can then be put to positive use.	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will make limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions	None

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							or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The historic environment makes a positive contribution to health and well-being. The policy seeks to preserve and enhance the elements making a positive contribution to conservation areas, which should indirectly have a positive impact on wellbeing.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will make limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address 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	Although canals and watercourses pass through conservation areas the policy is likely to make a limited contribution to this policy.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

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11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance. This includes open spaces and within conservation areas there is agricultural land.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address 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 makes a limited contribution to this policy.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this policy.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this policy.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance. This will help to retain local environmental quality. In addition, the policy sets out criteria on shop fronts and signage which can be detracting elements when not carefully planned. This will also ensure that the policy significantly contributes to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan address 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	Although canals and rights of way will be present within conservation areas the policy will have a limited contribution towards promoting an integrated and improved transport system.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
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 makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Preserving or enhancing those elements which contribute to conservation areas character and appearance and ensuring proposals are of high quality will promote regeneration directly and indirectly. Proposals may also have wider economic and social benefits which may contribute towards reducing deprivation and disparity in Oldham and elsewhere. The policy will help regenerate Oldham Town centre, which is on the heritage 'at risk' register.	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Proposals may have wider economic and social benefits which may contribute towards	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
growth and job creation						reducing deprivation and disparity, but it is not the aim of the policy to directly influence economic growth.	and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address 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	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance and includes criteria on assessing proposals for shop fronts and signage which can be negative elements affecting conservation areas. The policy will help ensure that the centres within conservation areas are enhanced over time so therefore the impact should be significantly positive over a longer duration. The policy should assist in removing Oldham town centre from the heritage 'at risk' register.	No mitigation. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Policy states proposals affecting a conservation area should preserve or enhance those elements which contribute to its character and appearance. The policy sets out criteria for proposals within or affecting the	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						setting of a conservation area of which will help contribute towards this objective through ensuring that the borough retains distinctiveness and high-quality environments or support proposals for tourism and leisure use, both of which will directly and indirectly help attract visitors.	policies address tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 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	Although proposals may include residential use within conservation areas the policy has a limited impact itself 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy seeks to retain positive elements affecting a conservation area which may help reduce pressure on further minerals needing to be extracted but this contribution will be limited from this policy alone.	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
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 Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to 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 mix of neutral, positive and significantly positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were needed as a result of the IA.

No changes to scores were made between Draft Plan and Publication Plan stages as there were no amendments made to the policies and the scoring is still considered appropriate.

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 HE4 –Oldham's Mills

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, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>Although the settings of mills, including associated waterbodies such as rivers and canals form part of the green infrastructure network it is considered that this policy alone will be limited in its contribution to this objective.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy 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 N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The settings around non designated mills may include open spaces, but it is considered that the policy in itself will	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition,	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						not promote quality and accessible open spaces.	PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 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 protect non-designated mills, particularly those holding high heritage significance which takes landscape character and sense of place into account.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and repair.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE3 and HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy seeks to retain those elements of the mill stock which contribute to the local identity and sense of place of Oldham and ensure they are	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						appropriately conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance. The policy also sets out policy on landscape clusters. The policy should make a strong contribution to this objective.		
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and repair. This includes consideration of the contribution that mills can make towards housing land supply and appropriate densities.	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy will make a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
							or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The historic environment makes a positive contribution to health and well-being. The policy seeks to retain those elements of the mill stock which contribute to the local identity and sense of place of Oldham and ensure they are conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies C06 and C07 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Flood risk may affect some non-designated mills, however the policy itself will not contribute towards this objective. Where necessary proposals would be subject to a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	There may be opportunities to improve the quality of water	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources						bodies as part of development proposals, however it is considered that the policy itself is quite limited in its contribution.	Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and repair. This will indirectly help to reduce pressure for development on greenfield sites helping to protect soil and agricultural land. In addition, some proposals may help remediate Contaminated Land.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address 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	Although reuse of mills will help reduce energy use from construction of new builds, it is considered that the policy itself will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and repair. This will ensure that the condition of vacant and underused mills does not deteriorate further and detract from local environmental quality and the reuse ensures a	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan address 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
						stronger sense of pride in the area.		
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 makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan 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 makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						repair. This will ensure that the condition of vacant and underused mills does not deteriorate further and detract from Oldham's image. Future uses within the mills will directly and indirectly have a positive impact on regeneration of communities.	Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and repair. A high proportion of Oldham's mills are in employment use and this will continue to be the most appropriate use within the plan period. In addition, some mills overlap with the strategic areas identified in the Strategic investment Framework as being key for growth sectors so the mills can	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						significantly contribute to this objective by providing premises for existing and expanding businesses and new growth sectors.		
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	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills through their reuse and repair and seeks to retain positive elements. Where mills are within / close to centres this can have a positive impact on vitality and help with viability of future schemes.	No mitigation. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills. This could include tourism uses but this is unknown at this stage. In addition, maintaining Oldham's local distinctiveness contributes to part of the local environment and	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						reasons why people may want to visit. However, it is felt that the impact of the policy alone is neutral.		
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy has the potential to make a positive contribution towards this objective through mills forming part of the housing land supply.	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	Cross-boundary	This policy directly seeks to establish a positive future for Oldham's Textile Mills and retain those elements of the mill stock which contribute to the local identity and sense of place of Oldham and ensure	No mitigation required. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						they are appropriately conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance. This will help to reduce pressure for minerals for new development therefore contributing positively towards this objective.		
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 Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Through the reuse of mills for employment and housing, the policy could help create mixed, balanced and inclusive communities.	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 positive scores. No mitigation or enhancements to the policy were required as a result of the IA. No changes to scores have been made between Draft Pan and Publication Plan stage as only minor amendments to the policy has been made and the scores are still considered appropriate.

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 HE5 –Canals

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, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	<p>The canals form part of the borough's green infrastructure network and include nature designations therefore a policy which ensures the restoration, conservation and enhancement of the canal can take place can help contribute towards this objective.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy in due to potential impacts on the Rochdale Canal SAC during any restoration.</p>	<p>No mitigation required. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective.</p> <p>The HRA identifies mitigation measures to address any likely significant effects.</p>	None.
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy states that development proposals should include green infrastructure incorporating walking and cycling routes. The canal corridors are recreational routes.	No mitigation required. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None.

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
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 canals form part of the borough's identity and sense of place. The policy which seeks to protect these assets and prevent harm to the setting or appearance of the canal will therefore make a significantly positive contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.	None
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The Huddersfield Narrow Canal and Rochdale Canal will be protected as heritage assets under this policy therefore having a significantly positive impact.	No mitigation required. Policies HE1 to HE4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy requires that any new development should respect the canal frontage, ensure active quality elevations, whilst respecting the unique	No mitigation required. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						character of the waterway and its associated heritage assets. Opportunities should be taken to improve the appearance and vitality of the canal side environment. This will have a significantly positive impact over time.		
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although there may be associated development alongside the canals on brownfield land this policy in itself will have a limited impact towards this objective.	No mitigation required. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land.	None
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Policy requires green infrastructure incorporating walking and cycling routes and heritage interpretation features along its line should be provided as part of development proposals. This will	No mitigation required. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						therefore contribute towards this objective where opportunities arise.	mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Green Infrastructure incorporating walking and cycling routes and heritage interpretation features along its line should be provided as part of this policy. This would help contribute towards opportunities to improve active travel which would have a positive impact on health and well-being.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Although residual flood risk from canals would need to be assessed for development proposals, where relevant, the policy will not in itself help meet this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.	None
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	Policy states 'To ensure that the future restoration of the canals is enabled, development alongside the line of the canal and towpath shall not prevent its restoration,	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
water resources						conservation and enhancement...' This should contribute positively to this objective.		
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	Whilst there may be opportunities alongside the canal to remediate contaminated land it is not considered that the policy wording will have a strong impact on this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address 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 makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.	None
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy states Green Infrastructure should be provided which should contribute towards biodiversity being	No mitigation required. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
the effects of climate change						resilient to climate change.	include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>Green Infrastructure incorporating walking and cycling routes and heritage interpretation features along its line should be provided, as part of this policy.</p> <p>Indirectly this would help contribute towards opportunities to improve active travel which would have a positive impact on air quality.</p>	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	<p>The canals contribute to the borough's sense of place therefore protecting and allowing for restoration and enhancement will help meet this objective alongside ensuring opportunities are taken to improve the appearance and vitality of the canal side environment.</p>	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1-LE3 of the Local Plan address 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
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	Green Infrastructure incorporating walking and cycling routes and heritage interpretation features along its line should be provided as part of this policy therefore contributing to sustainable transport choices.	No mitigation required. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan 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 makes a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	None
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Canals are part of the borough's sense of place and protecting and taking opportunities to	No mitigation required. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
deprivation and disparity						restore and enhance the waterways and opportunities to improve the appearance and vitality of the canal side environment will form part of the borough's regeneration, which may help alleviate deprivation and disparity over the longer term.	is a key aim of the Local Plan.	
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The wider restoration and enhancement of canals could have indirect economic benefits. But it is felt that the policy's contribution itself is limited.	No mitigation required. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	Canals are part of the borough's sense of place and protecting and taking opportunities or restore and enhance the waterways and opportunities to improve the appearance and vitality of the canal side environment will contribute positively towards this objective for	No mitigation. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
						Failsworth and Uppermill centres.		
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The introductory text to the policy explains that the conservation, development and improved access to Oldham's canal corridors will allow for the community and visitors to celebrate the unique industrial heritage of these historic manmade waterways. They also have recreational and ecological roles, contribute to the borough's local identity and enhance Oldham's tourism offer. In addition, the policy will provide opportunities for ensuring development can contribute towards a more sustainable environment through enabling opportunities to incorporate walking and cycling routes.	No mitigation required. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy may aid learning opportunities	No mitigation required. PfE Policy JP-P5 and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
education attainment and skill levels						associated with the canals and their evolution however the policy will not contribute towards education attainment and skill levels.	Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 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 makes a limited contribution to 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy makes a limited contribution to this objective.	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 a limited contribution to this objective.	No mitigation required. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy may contribute towards this	No mitigation required. The aim of the Local	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
mixed, balanced, and inclusive sustainable communities						objective through enabling the use of canal corridors as part of active travel, promoting the canals as a tourism asset and celebrating the canals through the provision of interpretation features. This will help bring the community together for different purposes.	Plan is to ensure mixed, balanced, and inclusive communities through for example policies on housing and design.	

The policy scored a mixture of neutral, positive and significantly positive scores. No mitigation was required to the plan as a result of the IA.

Since the IA on the Draft Plan IA13 has been amended from a neutral to positive score in the IA of the Publication Plan to reflect that the IA objective now specifically references biodiversity, and the policy encourages Green Infrastructure to be provided.

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.