

Oldham

Local Plan

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Appendix 14: IA of Protecting Our Local
Environment Policies**

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Policy LE1 – Ensuring a High Standard of Amenity in New Development

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon 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 needed. 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 policy is considered to have a limited upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
design expectations							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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	++	Permanent	Local	The policy reflects the agent of change principle of the NPPF and requires mitigation and/or refusal of proposals where they would likely result in a rise of complaints in relation to noise and/or vibration arising from new development, which can have a detrimental impact on health and health inequalities.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 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 is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address 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	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 is considered to have a limited impact upon 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 climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 reflects the agent of change principle of the NPPF and requires mitigation and/or refusal of proposals where they would likely result in a rise of complaints in relation to noise and/or vibration arising from new development.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE2 and 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
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 is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 is considered to have a limited upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have a limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on	None

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

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

Between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage only minor amendments were made to the policy and supporting text, which did not affect the IA scoring.

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

Policy LE2 – Ground Conditions and Contaminated Land

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	<p>It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.</p> <p>It is recognised however that remediated land/development on brownfield land will lessen the pressure to develop greenfield sites and thus help protect, conserve and enhance the green infrastructure network but it is considered this policy should score neutral.</p> <p>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 needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
accessible open spaces						limited impact on this objective.	CO2 of the Local Plan 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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 would have an indirect positive impact on this objective. Remediation of ground conditions could for instance be linked to redevelopment of the Mills and their settings and thus	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						help protect and enhance the historic environment.		
5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	Remediation of ground conditions will ensure brownfield land can be reused for development.	No mitigation needed. 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	It is considered that the policy would have a minor positive impact on this objective as the policy ensures that mitigation is required as part of any proposed development to ensure that any land contamination and / or land stability is mitigated.	No mitigation needed. 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	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							to mitigate the impact of development on provision.	
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	+	+	+	Permanent	Local	The policy could lead to improved health outcomes through the remediation and stabilisation of land. Remediated land could form part of public open space for instance in new brownfield development, which in turn could help improve health and well-being.	No mitigation needed. 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	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	It is considered that the policy requirements could have a positive impact on water quality. Remediated land will help improve water quality as run off from surface water	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						will no longer carry pollutants to water sources.		
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy will have a positive impact on this objective through the remediation of land improving soil quality on brownfield sites and land stability, and helping to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land by allowing for the development of brownfield sites before greenfield sites.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G8 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	It is considered that the policy would 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
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
are resilient to the effects of climate change							Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3.	
14. To protect and improve air quality	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.	None
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Local	The policy would have a positive impact on this objective, as the stabilisation of land and remediation of contaminated land would lead to a direct benefit in terms of soil and land quality, and help improve possible detrimental impacts on human health.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 and LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network							sustainable transport choices.	
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE 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 would have a positive impact on this objective in relation to the promotion of regeneration by supporting the stabilisation and remediation of brownfield land, which in turn will allow for the regeneration of sites within the borough and thus reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						through the creation of new jobs and homes.		
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							addresses tourism and leisure.	
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 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	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None

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	ST (< 5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	The policy is considered to have limited impact upon this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

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

Changes have been made to the policy wording between Local Plan and Publication Plan stage to set out requirements for land stability. The IA wording has changed as a consequence against some IA objectives but the scoring has not.

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

Policy LE3 – Air Quality

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
1.To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy will ensure development considers air quality impacts on Holcroft Moss specifically and indirectly through improving air quality will ensure that biodiversity is resilient.</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 needed. 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	It is considered that the policy would a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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,	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have no impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP-	None

IA Objective	Score	Score	Score	Effects are Temporary or Permanent	Scale	Justification	Mitigation / enhancement	Changes made as a result of the IA
	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
maximising the use of brownfield land							H4 address the efficient use of land.	
7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	+	+	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	It is considered that the policy would have a positive impact on this objective as it ensures a requirement for mitigation in relation to any potential air quality impacts associated with new development, which could include new infrastructure such as transport improvements.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. 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	It is considered that the policy would have a positive impact on this objective. Poor air quality is linked to an increase in asthma in children and causes excess deaths every year. The requirements of the policy would help	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						ensure that air quality is not worsened and/or improved by new development and any impacts on air quality are appropriately mitigated.		
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy would have no direct impact on this objective, but would have an indirect positive impact, primarily in relation to any mitigation for schemes that could impact on air quality, such as street trees or living roofs/walls which would help mitigate the impact of flood risk.	No mitigation needed. 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	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will have an indirect positive impact on this objective, primarily in relation to the link between water quality and air pollution. The policy aims ensure that developments do not have an adverse effect on air quality and on the	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						natural environment, which could include water quality. Furthermore, mitigation for new development could include schemes that could improve water quality, such as increased urban greening and street trees.		
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	<p>The policy will have an indirect positive impact on this objective, primarily in relation to the link between soil quality and air pollution. The policy aims to ensure development does not have adverse impacts on air quality and the natural environment which could include soil quality.</p> <p>Furthermore, mitigation for new development could include schemes that could improve soil</p>	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						quality, such as increased urban greening, street trees.		
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would 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
13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will ensure that air quality is not worsened and/or is improved by new development and any impacts on air quality are appropriately mitigated.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5 addresses air quality.	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
						Mitigation could include new bus stops, active travel etc which could help improve air quality in the locality of new development.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	++	++	++	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy will ensure that air quality is not worsened by new development and any impacts on air quality are appropriately mitigated.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 and LE2 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 of the PROW Network	+	+	+	Permanent	Cross-boundary	The policy would have an indirect positive impact on this objective. Mitigation could propose things such as new bus stops, active travel etc which could all help improve air quality in the locality of new development.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside 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	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan	None

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	ST (<5 years)	MT (5 – 10 years)	LT (10+ years)	T or P	Local or Cross-boundary			
							policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would ensure that development does not worsen and/or improves air quality in the locality, thus creating more sustainable growth however its impact is not considered to be such that it should score positive.	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 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	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local	None

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and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill							Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. 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	It is considered that the policy would have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.	None

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24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	--	--	N/A	N/A	It is considered that the policy would 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	It is considered that the policy would 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	It is considered that the policy would 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 design aim to address this objective.	None

The policy scored a mixture of positives and neutrals and significantly positive against IA objectives 7, 8, 14 and 15. No mitigation or enhancement to the policy were required as a result of the IA.

Some policy amends were made to the policy between Draft Plan stage and Publication Plan stage to remove repetition between PfE and the Local Plan and to refer to the need to consider Holcroft Moss. Consequently, some IA wording has been amended within this assessment however this has not resulted to changes to scores.

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.