

Appendix 5 SA/SEA of Strategic Policies

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Key effects of options on the SA/Objectives

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Significantly Positive	Positive	Uncertain	Neutral	Negative	Significantly Negative

SP1 Spatial Strategy

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	There is unlikely to be an impact as the policy does not specifically deal with GHG emissions	The policy seeks to direct development to the most sustainable settlements, which will indirectly help to reduce GHG emissions through supporting sustainable travel and development where there are existing services and facilities.	The policy is likely to have a direct impact on any elements of sustainable development. However, the direction of new development to the most sustainable locations may have a positive knock-on effect on all elements of sustainability.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	There is unlikely to be an impact as the policy does not specifically deal with flood risk	The policy seeks to direct development to the most sustainable locations, which will include taking flood risk into account, therefore there could be an indirect impact on flood risk.	
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	++	The policy seeks to deliver housing to meet identified needs		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability due to meeting the provision of housing needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy seeks to deliver housing to meet identified needs		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on healthy, active lifestyles.	The policy could indirectly have a positive impact on health, active lifestyles by the focus of development in the most sustainable locations	The policy is likely to have a neutral impact on all elements of sustainability. However, indirect positive impacts on social sustainability may occur as a result of the aims of the policy to deliver sustainable development.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.	The policy could indirectly have a positive impact on crime and anti-social behaviour by ensuring high quality developments are delivered across the district.	
	2(c): To enable the protection and	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on GI as it seeks to ensure		

	enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District		green spaces and infrastructure is provided.		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	++	The policy seeks to direct development to the most sustainable locations and ensure that adequate infrastructure is provided for strategic sites.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability through the direction of development to the most sustainable locations.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on access to IT facilities.		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it promotes the opportunities for walking and cycling.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	+	The policy seeks to support sustainable travel choices with developments taking place in the most sustainable places in the district.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	+	The policy seeks to support development that conserves and enhances the character and identity of the natural environment.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability by requiring conservation and enhancement of the built, historic and natural environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	++	The policy seeks to support development that conserves and enhances the character and identity of the natural environment. Specific mention of the AONB is included with the policy.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	+	The policy seeks to support development that conserves and enhances the character and identity of the built and historic environment.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on air quality.	The policy could have an indirectly positive impact on air pollution through the direction of development to the most sustainable locations to limit the need to travel.	The policy is likely to have a natural impact on environmental sustainability. There is potential for an indirect positive impact as a result

throughout West Berkshire.	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on noise levels		of the promotion of development in sustainable locations.
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	++	The policy seeks to direct development towards previously developed land		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on economic and environmental sustainability through the use of previously developed land
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	++	The policy sets out densities for development based on the sustainability of the settlement		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to have an impact on any element of sustainability.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the consumption of minerals.		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	++	The policy sets out the overall spatial strategy for development in the district including for employment.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on economic sustainability as it seeks to ensure adequate employment facilities are provided.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	++	The policy seeks to ensure that land is used most effectively and efficiently.		

	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy seeks support the viability and vitality of town and village centres through development in the most sustainable locations.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The Policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability. The policy directs development to the most sustainable locations, therefore, giving positive impacts on all elements of sustainability. The policy is likely to have a number of positive knock-on effects on social and environmental sustainability as a result of focusing development on the most sustainable locations in the district.					

SP2 North Wessex Downs AONB

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0 / +	The policy seeks to manage development in the AONB, but doing so there will be an indirect positive impact on GHG emissions by limiting the amount of development taking place in the AONB.		The policy could have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as a result of limiting development in the AONB and therefore, limiting GHG emissions.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The site is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	?	The policy limits development in the AONB to exceptional circumstances. Therefore, there is an unknown impact on affordable housing provision as it will depend on whether exceptional circumstances can be proven.	Mitigation measures are likely to be required should any development go ahead in the AONB to ensure no impacts on the AONB.	The policy is likely to have an unknown impact on social sustainability as the development of housing in the AONB will depend on whether exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	?	The policy limits development in the AONB to exceptional circumstances. Therefore, there is an unknown impact on housing provision as it will depend on whether exceptional circumstances can be proven.	Mitigation measures are likely to be required should any development go ahead in the AONB to ensure no impacts on the AONB.	
2: To improve health, safety	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on

and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		environmental and social sustainability through the provision and protection of GI.
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	+	The policy is likely to have positive impact on GI as it seeks to protect the AONB.		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to access to community facilities
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities.		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on biodiversity as it seeks to protect the AONB which provides habitat for biodiversity.		The policy is likely to have a positive or significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability by seeking to conserve and enhance the AONB.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	++	The policy seeks to protect the natural beauty and special characteristics of the AONB, therefore, there will be a significantly positive impact on the character of the landscape.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the history environment.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water soil or noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		

7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficiency use of land
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to consumption and waste of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	+	The policy allows for developments which will support the rural economy, therefore there could be a positive impact.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic sustainability as developments being considered must support the rural economy.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on viability and vitality of town and village centres as support for the local community will be a requirement of any development in the AONB.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	Local (AONB)	Permanent	Long Term	
The Policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as a result of the protection the policy offers to the AONB. There are also likely to be positive impacts on all elements of sustainability as the policy seeks to protect the AONB, and requires that any development supports the local community and the rural economy. There is a potentially known impact of social sustainability in relation to the provision of housing, as the policy does restrict major development in the AONB except in exceptional circumstances.					

SP3 Settlement Hierarchy

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy sets out the most sustainable settlements, but it will not directly result in a reduction in GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change, however, it does seem to identify the most sustainable locations for development, which should have an indirectly positive impact on climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	+	The policy identifies the most sustainable locations for development, including where there are needs for affordable housing		The policy will have a positive or significant positive impact on social sustainability through the identification of the most sustainable locations for housing development.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy identifies the most sustainable locations for development to enable housing development to take place to meet all sectors of the community		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	+	The policy identifies the most sustainable locations for development, which in turn helps to support healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on all elements of sustainability.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the protection and enhancement of GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	++	The policy identifies the most sustainable locations for development which allows good access, or improved access to community infrastructure		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability due to the aim of directing development to the most sustainable locations
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the development of IT facilities		

	Broadband particularly in rural locations				
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on accidents and safety		The policy will have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability through directing development to locations with the best opportunities for active travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	++	The policy identifies the most sustainable locations for development where there are the best opportunities for walking, cycling or use of public transport.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity or geodiversity.		The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the character of the landscape.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	+	The policy seeks to identify the most sustainable locations for development, taking into account the built and historic environment.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air pollution		The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to air, water and soil quality
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	+	The policy seeks to identify the most sustainable locations for development, which in turn tend to have higher levels of brownfield land available for redevelopment.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic and environmental sustainability as areas of previously developed land have a greater prevalence in the more sustainable locations of the district.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on density of development		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is likely to have a neutral impact on all elements of sustainability

natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	technologies, generation and storage				in relation to consumption of waste and natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	+	The policy seeks to identify the most sustainable locations for development, including for employment		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on economic sustainability as it directs development to the most sustainable locations in the district.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	++	The policy seeks to identify the most sustainable locations for development, including for employment		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	++	The policy seeks to identify the most sustainable locations for development, which will help to support the viability and vitality of the towns and villages identified.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	High	District Wide	Permanent	Medium – Long Term	
Overall the policy is considered to have a positive impact on sustainability, by directing development to the most sustainable locations. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on delivering housing to meet local needs, access to community services and facilities, opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport and on supporting the economy. No negative sustainability impacts have been identified as a result of the policy.					

SP4 AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		

1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	-	The policy may have a negative impact on provision of affordable housing at it limits development potential within the DEPZ.		The policy may have a negative impact on social sustainability as it limits the opportunities for development within the DEPZ
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	-	The policy may have a negative impact on provision of housing at it limits development potential within the DEPZ.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on healthy lifestyles as it seeks to ensure there is no inappropriate development within the AWE Emergency Planning Zone that could impact on human health if there was to be an emergency at AWE.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability as it seeks to ensure that no inappropriate development takes place within the DEPZ therefore, protecting human health in the unlikely event of an emergency at AWE.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community services		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to accessibility to community infrastructure
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on walking, cycling and public transport		

5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity and geodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air pollution		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil and noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficient use of land
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to use of natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		

	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	-	The policy may have a negative impact on employment opportunities as the policy restricts development within the DEPZ		The policy may have a negative impact on economic sustainability as the policy limits development opportunities in the DEPZ.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	? / -	The policy may have a negative impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres as development opportunities are limited in areas within the DEPZ		
Overall Effect:		Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:
Neutral		High	Local (Eastern Area)	Permanent	Long Term
The policy is likely to have a neutral impact on sustainability. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on social sustainability as the policy seeks to protect human health from the unlikely event of an emergency occurring at AWE. There are also likely to be negative impacts on social sustainability as the policy seeks to restrict development (residential and employment) from taking place within the DEPZ, to protect human health from the unlikely event of an emergency at AWE. Therefore, there will be impacts on the provision of housing and affordable housing and new employment opportunities in the area.					

SP5 Responding to Climate Change

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on GHG emissions as it specifically relates to responding to climate change		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability as it seeks to respond to climate change.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on flood risk as it requires development		

			proposals to avoid or manage flood risk.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect GI to aid the response to climate change.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on GI as it seeks to ensure GI and open spaces are provided for shading and cooling, detain run-off and absorb CO ₂		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social and economic sustainability by supporting access to IT facilities.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on access to IT facilities as it seeks to take advantage of new and zero carbon technologies and innovations, including digital		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it promotes the use of sustainable travel.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport		

			as it requires consideration of sustainable transport.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on biodiversity as it includes requirements to improve 3wildlife habitat and species conservation.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on landscape character as it seeks to protect GI, wildlife habitat and the historic environment.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on the historic environment as it specifically request the integrity of the historic environment to be considered.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	+	The policy will have a positive impact on air pollution as knock-on effect of other requirements of the policy such as sustainable travel.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect air and water quality.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on water quality as it seeks to manage and conserve water resources and prevent harming water quality.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on efficiency of land use

	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on densities of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on energy use as it requires net zero carbon to be achieved and for renewable low and zero carbon energy to be supplied.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability in relation to consumption and waste of natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on waste generation as it requires recycling and waste reduction during construction and occupation.		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on water consumption as it requires management and conservation of adequate water resources.		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral / Positive	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	

The policy is likely to have an overall positive / neutral impact on sustainability. There are a number of significantly positive impacts on environmental sustainability as the policy seeks to ensure measures are in place to protect GI and open spaces with the biodiversity they provide to respond to climate change. There is also a significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability as a result of the policies measures to respond to climate change. No negative impacts have been identified.

SP6 Flood Risk

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy seeks to direct development to the most appropriate locations away from areas at risk from flooding, but will not directly contribute to a reduction in GHG emissions.		Changes in flood risk can be directly linked to climate change. This policy will have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	++	Managing flood risk is one way that the impact of climate change can be managed to reduce the impact of changes in the climate, especially in relation to rainfall.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	Policy is not concerned with meeting housing needs		The policy is not concerned with meeting housing needs therefore there is no impact on any element of sustainability
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	Policy is not concerned with meeting housing needs		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	+	The policy seeks to direct development away from areas at risk from flooding. Flood plains are often used for recreational purposes and the policy should allow this to continue.		The policy should have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability as it seeks to direct development away from areas vulnerable to flooding which will leave them available for other uses and activities.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy will not impact on levels or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	+	The policy directs development away from areas at risk from flooding which often form part of the GI network, therefore, the policy seeks to protect these areas from development.		
3: To improve accessibility to	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy will not impact on access to education, health or other services		The policy will not impact on any element of sustainability in relation to

community infrastructure	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy will not impact on access to IT facilities		accessibility to community infrastructure.
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy will not impact on levels of accidents and safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability, although there may be some opportunities for the encouragement/promotion of walking and cycling using green corridors made possible by the protection of these areas from development where they are at risk from flooding.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	? / +	There is the potential for the policy to provide for additional green corridors for active travel by protecting areas at risk from flooding from development.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	+	The policy will seek to protect flood risk areas from development, conserving them as green spaces for biodiversity		The policy is likely to have positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect flood plains from development allowing the continued use for biodiversity and the conservation of the landscape character.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	+	The policy seeks to protect flood risk areas from development, conserving the character of the landscape.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the conservation or protection of heritage assets.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air pollution		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability through the protection of soils and water quality.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	+	The policy seeks to protect flood risk areas from development, which in turn will protect the soil quality as no development will take place.		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	+	The policy seeks to protect flood risk areas from development which will help to maintain, if not improve water quality.		
7: To promote and improve the	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy will not impact on the use of PDL		The policy will not impact on any element of sustainability.

efficiency of land use.	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy will not impact on the density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy will not impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to have an impact on any element of sustainability other than where it protects areas from overuse of water resources as a result of development in flood risk areas.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy will not impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	+	The policy seeks to protect flood risk areas from development, therefore helping to protect the water environment from overuse.		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy will not impact on the use of minerals or secondary materials.		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy will not impact on employment opportunities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy will not impact on employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy will not impact on viability or vitality of town and village centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	Medium	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability. All elements of sustainability are impacted by flooding and therefore, the policy will positively impact on all of sustainability. There is a significantly positive effect on the reduction of flood risk and subsequent quality of life for residents and the environment in the future. There are positive effects for biodiversity, green infrastructure, supporting healthy lifestyles, conserving/enhancing the landscape, improving soil and water quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. No negative impacts are identified.					

SP7 Design Quality

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	+	The policy seeks to enable development that delivers climate resilience.		

climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	+	The policy seeks to enable development that delivers climate resilience.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy will not have an impact on affordable housing		
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	+	The policy seeks to enable development that is well designed including to meet specific requirements of those within the community.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	++	The policy aims to deliver well designed developments that enable healthy, active lifestyles.		
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	++	The policy aims to deliver well designed developments that reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	++	The policy aims to deliver well designed developments that maximise the potential for GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	The policy aims to deliver well designed developments that provide good access to community infrastructure.		
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	+	The policy aims to deliver well designed accessible developments		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy does not specifically deal with issues relating to road safety		
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	+	Well-designed developments include provision for walking and cycling and the use of public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	++	The policy specifically requires development that result in ecological distinctiveness, creating habitats that are local in character.		

of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	++	The policy specifically requires development to be landscape led, appropriate and sympathetic to its setting.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	++	The policy specifically requires development to be appropriate and sympathetic to its setting.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	?	Well-designed developments should not result in worsening of air pollution but the policy does not specifically deal with of air quality.		
	6(b): To manage noise levels	?	Well-designed developments should not result in worsening of noise levels, but the policy does not specifically deal with the impact on noise levels.		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on soil quality.		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on water quality.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on maximising the use of PDL		
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	+	The policy seeks to deliver well-designed developments which includes use of sustainable densities.		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	+	The policy seeks to ensure that climate resilience is included within the design of any development coming forward.		
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	?	The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on reducing waste generation. However, there is scope for indirect positive impacts if existing materials can be reused as part of new design proposals		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	?	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on water consumption, although the		

			specific design of developments maybe able to have some influence on consumption and reuse.		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on the consumption on minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on employment opportunities		
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	+	The policy seeks for well-designed developments, which would require consideration of how employment land is utilised most effectively and efficiently.		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	Well-designed development will support the viability and vitality of town and village centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	High	District Wide	Permanent	Short to Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability, with several elements having significantly positive impacts, including climate change, health, safety and well-being and the character and distinctiveness of the environment. A number of unknown impacts are predicted as the policy may not result in direct sustainability impacts, but well-designed places can have indirect impacts on such areas as pollution control and use of natural materials.					

SP8 Landscape Character

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions directly	Protection of the landscape will help to retain green open spaces which can help to absorb GHG emissions, resulting in an overall positive impact	The policy is likely to have an indirect positive impact on all element of sustainability in relation to GHG emissions.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk directly.	Protection of the landscape will help to retain green open spaces which can help to act as flood storage, resulting in an overall positive impact.	
1: To enable provision of housing to meet	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to needing housing needs

identified need in sustainable locations	housing to meet identified need				
	1(b):To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental and social sustainability through the provision of GI.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c):To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on GI as protecting the landscape will protect the GI that makes up the landscape.		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community infrastructure.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to accessibility to community infrastructure.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on biodiversity as it seeks to protect the landscape which provides habitats for wildlife.		The policy is likely to have a positive or significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	++	The policy will have a significantly positive impact on the character of the landscape as this is the main aim of the policy.		

	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	+	The policy will have a positive impact on the built and historic environment as these elements can form part of the landscape character of an area and are protected by the policy.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil and noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficient use of land
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to consumption of natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		

10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	Medium	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. Positive sustainability impacts are likely in relation to environmental sustainability as the policy seeks to protect landscape character, which in turn protects biodiversity and GI. No negative impacts have been identified.					

SP9 Historic Environment

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to meeting housing needs
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		

2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as a result of protecting GI
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on GI as it offers protection of heritage assets which form part of the GI.	
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities	The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to accessibility to community infrastructure
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities	
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety	The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport	
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on biodiversity as it seeks to protect heritage assets which also act as habitats	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on landscape character as it seeks to protect heritage assets which form part of the landscape	
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on the historic environment as the policy seeks to protect heritage assets.	

6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil and noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficient use of land
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to consumption of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the economic base
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective use of employment land		

	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on viability and vitality of town and village centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	high	District Wide	Permanent	Long term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability in relation to protection of the historic environment. There are also likely to be positive environmental sustainability impacts in relation to protection of GI and landscape character. No negative sustainability impacts have been identified.					

SP10 Green Infrastructure

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	+	The policy seeks to ensure GI is retained and enhanced which will in turn help to reduce GHG emissions through the provision of green spaces		The policy is likely to have a positive, or significantly positive effect on all elements of sustainability as a result it seeks to provide green spaces which can act as flood storage and help to reduce GHGs
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	++	The policy seeks to ensure GI is retained and enhanced. GI can act as emergency flood storage, so the policy will help to manage flood risk by ensuring adequate GI is retained across the district.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on the provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to housing provision.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on the provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	++	The provision of GI required by the policy provides opportunities for healthy, active lifestyles.		The policy is likely to have a positive, or significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability as a result of ensuring adequate provision of good quality GI.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	+	The policy seeks to provide pleasant and safe green routes, therefore seeking to reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.		

	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	++	This is the main aim of the policy therefore, it is likely to have a significantly positive impact on the provision of GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	GI can provide accessible routes to community infrastructure where it is well planned and designed as required by the policy.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability as the provision of adequate GI can result in improved access to services and facilities.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on access to IT facilities.		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	++	Well planned and designed GI will provide safe and accessible routes through and between communities		The policy will have a significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability, with the main impact being on social sustainability by improving safety and providing opportunities for safe walking and cycling.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	++	Well planned and designed GI will provide good provision for walking and cycling		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	++	The policy requires that GI contributes to biodiversity net gain.		The policy will have a significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability, but in particular environmental sustainability as it seeks to provide GI that will protect the natural, built and historic environments.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	++	The policy seeks to provide GI which will aid conservation and enhancement of the character of the landscape.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	+	The policy seeks to provide GI which will help to protect, conserve and enhance the environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	+	The policy seeks to provide green routes for walking and cycling which should help to reduce vehicle traffic therefore, reducing the potential impact on air pollution		The policy will be likely to have a positive impact on environmental and in some cases social sustainability as it seeks to provide good quality GI.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	+	The policy seeks to provide green routes for walking and cycling which should help to reduce vehicle traffic therefore, reducing the potential impact		

			on vehicle related noise within settlements		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	+	The provision of GI will provide space for water, and will work with nature to ensure water quality is maintained and improved.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the use of PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficient land use.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	?	The policy seeks the provision of GI. Where GI can be used for rainwater harvesting/collecting for reuse or recycling this would have a positive impact.		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on the consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on employment		The policy is unlikely to have an impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the economy, although indirectly GI within town and village centres may improve the visitor experience
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impact on the use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The provision of GI as supported by the policy will help to ensure that town and village centres are pleasant places to		

			visit supporting their viability and vitality.		resulting in some social and economic benefits.
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have a long term positive impact on all sustainability objectives, as a result of the provision of high quality GI across the district. There are likely to be significantly positive effects on environmental and social sustainability as the policy seeks to provide biodiversity, landscape and flood risk benefits. There are positive social and economic sustainability impacts in relation to provision of walking and cycling routes within and between developments. No negative sustainability impacts have been identified.					

SP11 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	+	This policy is likely to have a positive impact on GHG emissions as the protection of biodiversity, particular trees and vegetation help to absorb emissions.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to responding to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to meeting housing needs
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability through the provision of GI to support biodiversity.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on GI as in		

	quality multi-functional GI across the District		many cases GI provides habitats and spaces for biodiversity		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to access to community infrastructure
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on biodiversity and geodiversity as it specifically seeks to protect these.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability through the protection of biodiversity.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on landscape character as biodiversity and geodiversity form part of the landscape character.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect soil and water quality as habitats.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on soil quality as it seeks to protect biodiversity, of which soil forms a part.		

	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on water quality as it seeks to protect biodiversity of which water quality can but critical.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficient use of land
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres.		

Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:
Neutral	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. Significantly positive environmental sustainability impacts are identified in relation to the protection of biodiversity and the knock-on effects this has on GHG emissions, landscape character and GI. No negative impacts have been identified.				

SP12 Approach to Housing Delivery

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to GHG emission.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact directly on the provision of affordable housing	As other policies in the plan require a proportion of affordable housing to be provided it is likely that this policy will have an indirect positive impact on provision of affordable housing	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability as it seeks to make provision for new homes in the district.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on meeting housing needs as the housing target has been calculated taking into account the need for additional housing in the district.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to healthy, safety and wellbeing.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.		

	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to access to community infrastructure
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape character		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil or noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on use of PDL as it seeks to promote developments that utilise		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to promote

			opportunity for better use of the existing housing stock.		developments that make better use of existing housing stock.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to the economic base by supporting new residential development in sustainable locations.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres by encouraging for additional housing development in sustainable locations.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	Medium	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	

The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. There are likely to be positive impacts on social sustainability in relation to the delivery of new houses to meet local needs. Delivering new homes will also have a positive impact on economic sustainability as it will help to support the viability and vitality of town and village centres within the settlement hierarchy. No negative impacts have been identified.

SP13 Sites allocated for Residential and Mixed-Use Development in Newbury and Thatcham

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on provision of affordable housing as it seeks to allocate sites which will need to include a proportion of affordable housing	Requirements for affordable housing are set out in other policies in the plan.	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability through the delivery of new homes to meet local needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on provision of housing as it seeks to allocate sites		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		

3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	The policy will have an indirect impact on improving accessibility to community services as it seeks to allocate sites in sustainable locations which have a good range of services and facilities.		The policy may have a positive impact on social sustainability in relation to delivering new homes in sustainable locations with access to community infrastructure.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on walking, cycling and use of public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil or noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land	-	The policy is likely to have a negative impacts on use of		The policy may have a negative impact on environment sustainability

efficiency of land use.	and buildings where appropriate		ODL as it allocates greenfield sites.		as it seeks to allocate sites for housing on greenfield sites.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to use of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on viability and vitality of town and village centres as it seeks to deliver new dwellings		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	Local (Newbury & Thatcham)	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability. Positive impacts have been identified in relation to social sustainability due to the provision of sites to deliver new houses to meet local needs and in relation to accessibility to community services and facilities. There is also likely to be a positive impact on economic sustainability as the policy will support the viability and vitality of town and village centres. A potential negative environmental sustainability impact has been identified in relation to the use of PDL as the sites are all allocated on greenfield land.					

SP14 Sites allocated for Residential and Mixed-Use development in the Eastern Area

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on provision of affordable housing as it seeks to allocate sites which will need to include a proportion of affordable housing		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability through the delivery of new homes to meet local needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on provision of housing as it seeks to allocate sites		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	The policy will have an indirect impact on improving accessibility to community services as it seeks to		The policy may have a positive impact on social sustainability in relation to delivering new homes in

			allocate sites in sustainable locations which have a good range of services and facilities.		sustainable locations with access to community infrastructure.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on walking, cycling and use of public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil or noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	-	The policy is likely to have a negative impacts on use of ODL as it allocates greenfield sites.		The policy may have a negative impact on environment sustainability as it seeks to allocate sites for housing on greenfield sites.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		

	appropriate to location and setting.				
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to use of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on viability and vitality of town and village centres as it seeks to deliver new dwellings		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	Local (Eastern Area)	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. Positive impacts have been identified in relation to social sustainability due to the provision of sites to deliver new houses to meet local needs and in relation to accessibility to community services and facilities. There is also likely to be a positive impact on economic sustainability as the policy will support the viability and vitality of town and village centres. A potential negative environmental sustainability impact has been identified in relation to the use of PDL as the sites are all allocated on greenfield land.					

SP15 Sites allocated for Residential and Mixed-Use development in the AONB

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on provision of affordable housing as it seeks to allocate sites which will need to include a proportion of affordable housing		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability through the delivery of new homes to meet local needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on provision of housing as it seeks to allocate sites		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	The policy will have an indirect impact on improving accessibility to community services as it seeks to		The policy may have a positive impact on social sustainability in relation to delivering new homes in

			allocate sites in sustainable locations which have a good range of services and facilities.		sustainable locations with access to community infrastructure.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on walking, cycling and use of public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil or noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	-	The policy is likely to have a negative impacts on use of ODL as it allocates greenfield sites.		The policy may have a negative impact on environment sustainability as it seeks to allocate sites for housing on greenfield sites.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		

	appropriate to location and setting.				
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to use of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on viability and vitality of town and village centres as it seeks to deliver new dwellings		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	Local (AONB)	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability. Positive impacts have been identified in relation to social sustainability due to the provision of sites to deliver new houses to meet local needs and in relation to accessibility to community services and facilities. There is also likely to be a positive impact on economic sustainability as the policy will support the viability and vitality of town and village centres. A potential negative environmental sustainability impact has been identified in relation to the use of PDL as the sites are all allocated on greenfield land.					

SP16 Sandford Strategic Site

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	++	The policy states that on-site renewable energy will be required to assess with delivering a carbon neutral development.		The policy should have an overall positive impact on environmental and social sustainability in relation to climate change impacts.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	+	The policy requires a flood risk assessment with hydraulic modelling to be provided for the whole site.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	++	The policy sets out a requirement for at least 40% affordable housing		The policy should have an overall positive impact on social sustainability in relation to housing needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	+	The policy sets out a requirement for a housing mix in line with table 4 of policy LSP18.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	+	The policy requires active travel corridors to be present across the site which support active, healthy lifestyles.		The policy should have a positive impact on social sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	?	The policy does not specifically deal with reducing levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, however good design should ensure there is at least a neutral impact, if not a positive one.		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	++	The policy sets out specific GI requirements for the development.		
3: To improve accessibility to	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	++	Specific infrastructure services, such as a primary school, secondary school extension are included within the policy.	Reference is also made to the requirements set out in the IDP.	The policy should have an overall positive impact on social sustainability in

community infrastructure	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	?	Specific mention of IT facilities is not mentioned within the policy, therefore, it is likely to have a neutral impact.	Other policies in the plan deal with the need to provide adequate IT facilities, therefore, there could be an overall positive impact.	relation to accessibility to community infrastructure
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	?	The policy does not make specific reference to reducing accidents and improving road safety, but TA work will be required and mitigation provided where necessary.	Proposals for the site would need to comply with all policies in the plan including transport policies therefore, there could be an overall positive impact.	The policy should have an overall positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to promoting opportunities for safe and sustainable travel.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	++	The policy includes reference to walking, cycling and public transport routes through the site.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	++	The policy sets out requirements to provide biodiversity.		The policy should have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as a result of the policy working relating to the natural, and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	++	The policy limits development to certain areas of the site to respect the landscape sensitivity of the wider site.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	++	The policy limits development to certain areas of the site to respect the registered historic landscape and setting of the former Sandford Priory.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	?	While the policy does not make specific reference to air pollution the need to promote walking, cycling a public transport will help to manage air pollution.	Development proposals for the site will need to comply with all policies in the plan which includes an air quality policy, therefore, there could be an overall positive impact.	The policy will have an unknown impact on environmental sustainability without further information regarding what will actually be delivered on the site. With appropriate mitigation the policy should deliver a development that has a
	6(b): To manage noise levels	?	While the policy does not make specific reference to air pollution the need to promote walking, cycling a public transport will help to manage air pollution.	Development proposals for the site will need to comply with all policies in the plan which includes an air quality policy, therefore, there could be an overall positive impact.	

	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	- / 0	Development of the site without mitigation measures could result in loss of soil quality.	While soil quality would be lost under the developed part of the site, the development of the public open space on the site could result in improvements overall.	positive impact on sustainability.
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	-	The site is a greenfield site.		Overall the policy should have a neutral impact on economic sustainability. However, the greenfield nature of the site will be difficult to mitigate.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	+	The housing number of the site is based on the density pattern book for West Berkshire.		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	++	The policy requires provision of on-site renewable energy		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as a result of the policy requirements. Mitigation measures may be required to ensure that a positive impact is achieved.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water generation.		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on water consumption	Development proposals for the site will need to comply with all policies in the plan which includes a water management policy, therefore, there could be an overall positive impact.	
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	-	The site is underlain by sand and gravel, potential for sterilisation of this resource. The policy asks for a Mineral Resource Assessment.	Prior or incidental extraction will be required on the site depending on the outcome of the MRA. This should result in an overall neutral impact.	

10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	+	The policy includes a requirement for retail facilities in the form of a local centres and business employment.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic sustainability through the employment / local centre requirements set out in the policy.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	+	The policy includes a requirement for retail facilities in the form of a local centres and business employment.		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy includes a requirement for retail facilities in the form of a local centres and business employment.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	Medium	Local (Newbury)	Permanent	Long Term	
The site is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability. The aim of the policy is to deliver housing to meet local housing needs, therefore, there will be a positive, or significantly positive impact on social sustainability. The wording of the policy sets out requirements to ensure positive impacts on environmental sustainability, which will be supported by other policies in the plan. The site is a greenfield site underlain by sand and gravel, so there are some potential negative environmental and economic sustainability impacts if adequate mitigation measures are not provided. There are also a number of uncertain sustainability impacts, but this is mainly as the policy does not make specific reference to those elements. Other policies in the plan should ensure impacts neutral or positive.					

SP17 North East Thatcham Strategic Site

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact as it seeks for a sustainable, low carbon development.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to responding to climate change.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	? / +	The policy requires consideration of SuDS that could deliver net gains for Thatcham, but there is no other reference made to flood risk. The policy does include requirements for GI, ecology and sustainability measures to be included which may all have a positive impact on flood risk,	The policy, in combination with other policies in the plan (eg. the flooding policy) should result in a positive impact.	
1: To enable provision of	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable	++	The policy includes specific reference to the provision of		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on

housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	housing to meet identified need		affordable housing to be provided on the site.		social sustainability as it will help to meet housing to meet local needs, including affordable housing and provision to meet needs across all sectors of the community.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy includes requirements for a range of dwellings types as set out in SP18. There is also a requirement for 3% of dwellings to be delivered via serviced custom/self-build.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	++	The policy includes requirements for sports facilities, sustainable modes of travel to be designed into the site to allow for safe, active travel.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact as it seeks to support and improve health, safety and wellbeing.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact as the design of the site should be such to design out crime.		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact as it includes details of the GI provision required.		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	++	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on accessibility community services and facilities, including education provision, health care provision and other services/facilities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability as it seeks to improve accessibility to community infrastructure.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	?	The policy itself unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities as there is no mention of IT facilities in the policy.	Other policies in the plan require consideration of digital infrastructure, so overall the development should result in a positive impact on digital accessibility.	
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on road safety as safe travel will be		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on all element of sustainability as it seeks

all forms of safe and sustainable travel.			critical to the design of the site.		to provide opportunities for safe and sustainable travel.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on walking, cycling and public transport as the development should be designed with these in mind.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on biodiversity as it sets out specific ecological requirements for the development		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seeks to conserve and enhance the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on landscape character as consideration of the landscape is written into the policy.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the historic environment as it includes the requirement for a Historic Environment Strategy to be submitted		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality	Other policies in the plan will ensure that there is no negative impact on air quality.	The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil or noise.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	-	The policy is greenfield		The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact, with a positive impact on social sustainability as it seeks to provide suitable densities of dwelling across the site.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on density of land use, as the number of		

	appropriate to location and setting.		dwellings on the site takes into account appropriate densities.		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on energy use as it requires the site to consider energy use and provide on-site renewable energies.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seek sot manage natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to have an impacts on waste generation. However, the policy does require 'BREEAM' excellent for non-residential buildings which can include consideration of waste management.		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on water consumption as it requires an integrated water supply and drainage strategy to be submitted.		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the consumption of minerals as it requires a MRA to be submitted.		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impacts on employment opportunities as it includes a requirement for community facilities, which could include employment opportunities, to be provided on site.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic sustainability as it requires provision of employment opportunities.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The site is unlikely to impact on the effective and efficient use of employment land		

	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on the viability and vitality of Thatcham as the development will support itself and other improvements within Thatcham.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	High	Local (Thatcham)	Permanent	Long Term	
<p>The policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on sustainability. A number of significantly positive impacts on sustainability have been identified. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on social sustainability as a result of the provision of housing to meet local needs, improving health, safety and wellbeing and protections to GI and biodiversity. There are likely to be positive sustainability impacts in relation to managing natural resources and supporting the economic base. There are also likely to be positive to significantly positive sustainability impacts in relation to responding to climate change and consideration of renewable energy technology. The site is a greenfield site and therefore, would result in a negative impact on environmental sustainability which would need to be mitigated.</p>					

SP18 Housing Type and Mix

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the provision of affordable housing as it seeks to ensure a variation in housing mix to meet local needs.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability by seeking to meet local housing needs in terms of type and mix of dwellings built.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	++	The policy is likely to have a significant impact on the provision of housing to meet the needs of all sectors of the community, as it seeks to		

			ensure an appropriate mix of size, type and location of dwellings to meet local needs.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to access to community facilities
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to opportunities for sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the character of the landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment.		

6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air pollution		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water and soil quality
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficiency of land use
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on sustainable densities of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to consumption of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		

	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on social sustainability as the policy seeks to provide a range of housing types and mix to support local needs. No negative impacts have been identified.					

SP19 Affordable Housing

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact as the main purpose of the policy relates to providing affordable housing to meet identified needs.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on social sustainability by seeking to provide affordable housing to meet local needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on provision of housing to meet needs as it seeks to provide a range of affordable homes to meet different sectors of the community.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in

reduce inequalities	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		relation to health, safety and wellbeing
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to access to community facilities
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to opportunities for sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air pollution		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water and soil quality
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		

7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficiency of land use
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on sustainable land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact as it requires all affordable houses to be built to net zero carbon standards.		The policy likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainable as it seeks to ensure net zero carbon homes are delivered.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption	Meeting net zero carbon, as required by the policy should mean that new homes are built to very high sustainability standards, which should result in reduced water consumption.	
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals.		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on employment opportunities		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic sustainability as it seeks to provide affordable homes in sustainable places which will support town and village centres.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres by		

			providing affordable homes within these locations for people to live.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	Medium	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. There is likely to be a significantly positive impact on social sustainability through the provision of affordable housing across the district. There are also likely to be positive environmental sustainability impacts as the new affordable homes will need to be built to net zero carbon standards. Positive economic sustainability impacts will also occur as the policy will support the viability and vitality of town and village centres through the delivery of affordable homes in these areas.					

SP20 Strategic Approach to Employment Land

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to meeting housing needs
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		

	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to accessibility to community facilities
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to safe and sustainable travel
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural, built and historic environment
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the historic environment		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil and noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on PDL as it encourages reuse of existing PDL		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability as it seek to promote the use of PDL.

	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on destiny of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to use of natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impacts on employment opportunities to meet the needs of the district by setting out the criteria for provision of new employment development.		The policy is likely to have a positive / significantly positive impact on economic sustainability as it seeks to support the economic base.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on effective and efficient use of employment land as it seek to encourage use of existing employment land.		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres by setting out the criteria of the provision of new employment development.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	

Neutral	Medium	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. A significantly positive impacts has been identified in relation to economic sustainability as the policy seeks to set out the strategy for employment land across the district. Positive impacts have been identified in relation to environmental sustainability as the policy promotes the reuse of PDL over greenfield sites. No negative sustainability impacts have been identified				

SP21 Economic Site Allocations

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GHG emissions		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to meeting housing needs
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on healthy, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		

3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to community facilities		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to accessibility to community infrastructure
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on road safety		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to sustainable travel. Other policies in the plan should result in a positive impact in relation to sustainable travel.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on walking, cycling and public transport	Individual site policies will set out requirements for promotion and encouragement of sustainable travel as do other policies in the plan.	
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity	Other policies in the plan will ensure consideration of biodiversity	The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the natural built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape	Other policies in the plan will ensure consideration of landscape	
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on built or historic environment	Other policies in the plan will ensure consideration of historic environment	
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil and noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on PDL as some of the sites to be allocated are PDL.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic and environmental sustainability as it includes allocations on brownfield sites.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		

	appropriate to location and setting.				
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to natural resources
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on mineral consumption		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on employment opportunities to meet the needs of the district		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on economic sustainability as it seeks to allocate sites for employment development.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on effective and efficient use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on the viability and vitality of town and village centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. Significantly positive impacts are identified on economic sustainability as the policy seeks to allocate sites for employment uses and safety guard existing employment areas. Positive sustainability impacts have also been identified in relation to environmental sustainability as the allocations make best use of PDL where this is available. No negative sustainability impacts have been identified.					

SP22 Town and District Centres

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on climate change		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to climate change
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on flood risk		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of affordable housing		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to meeting housing needs.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on provision of housing		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on health, active lifestyles		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to health, safety and wellbeing
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on levels or fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on GI		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact as it protects town and district centres and the services and facilities they provide.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability as it seeks to protect services and facilities located within town and district centres.

	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on access to IT facilities		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact as it seeks to ensure safety and capacity of the local highway network.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability as it seeks to ensure road safety is maintained.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on sustainable travel opportunities		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on biodiversity		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social and environmental sustainability as it seeks to protect the built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on landscape character		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact as the policy seeks to ensure that the character of a centre is protected and that development responds to the historic environment.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on air quality		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to air, water, soil or noise
	6(b): To manage noise levels	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on noise levels		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water quality		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on PDL as it supports redevelopment and regeneration proposals within town and district centres.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact in relation to environmental sustainability as it seeks to make best use of PDL
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on land use density		

	appropriate to location and setting.				
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on energy use		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to natural resources.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on consumption of minerals		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact as it allows for a mix of uses within class E that will provide employment opportunities in the centres.		The policy is likely to have a positive or significantly positive impact on economic sustainability as it seeks to protect businesses within town and district centres and to support the viability and vitality of these centres.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	+	The policy is likely to have a positive impact on effective and efficient land use as it seeks to make best use of town and district centres.		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	++	The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact as it seeks to support the viability and vitality of the district's centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Neutral	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall neutral impact on sustainability. A significantly positive impact is likely in relation to economic sustainability as the policy sees to protect the viability and vitality of the District's centres. There is also likely to be a positive impact on economic sustainability through supporting businesses in the District's centres. Positive impacts have also been identified in relation to environmental sustainability and social sustainability as the policy seeks to protect local character and the historic environment as well as protecting local services and facilities. No negative sustainability impacts have been identified.					

SP23 Transport

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	++	The policy aims to minimise the impact on travel on the environment which will result in a reduction in GHG emissions.		The policy will have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability as one of its main aims is to minimise the impact transport has on the environment.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	0 / +	While the policy seeks to minimise the impact on travel on the environment it will not have a direct impact on managing flood risk, although there may be an indirect positive impact.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	The policy is not concerned with meeting housing needs, although there would be an indirectly positive impact in relation to sustainability as the policy relates to improving and promoting sustainable travel options.		The policy is unlikely to impact on housing provision, although ensuring travel choice and promotion of sustainable modes of travel can have indirect benefits on all elements of sustainability.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the community, including those with specialist requirements	0	The policy is not concerned with meeting housing needs, although there would be an indirectly positive impact in relation to sustainability as the policy relates to improving and promoting sustainable travel options.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	++	The policy seeks to improve and promote opportunities for active travel.		The policy will have a positive, or significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability, but particularly social sustainability in terms of health, safety and wellbeing.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	0	The policy will not impact on levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	+	The policy seeks to improve and promote opportunities for active travel, which could include protecting and enhancing GI for these purposes.		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	+	The policy seeks to improve travel choice and facilitate sustainable travel within, between and to main urban areas and rural service centres.		The policy will have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in terms of access to community infrastructure.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including	0	The policy will not impact on access to IT facilities.		

	Broadband particularly in rural locations				
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	+/?	The policy seeks to ensure that any impacts on the transport network are mitigated, and that appropriate TA/TS are provided that should ensure road safety is not made worse, but it is unknown whether the policy would impact on the number of accidents.	Mitigation measures will be required where evidence suggests improvements are needed. This will ensure there are no negative impacts from development.	The policy will have a positive impact on social and economic sustainability through increasing opportunities for sustainable transport.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	++	The policy seeks to improve and promote opportunities for active travel, as well as improving travel choice and facilitating sustainable travel.		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	?	The policy does not specifically relate to conserving or enhancing biodiversity and geodiversity. However, the aims of the policy are to minimise the impact on travel on the environment, so there may be an indirect positive impact.		The policy will not have a direct impact on any element of sustainable development in relation to the character and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment. However, there are indirect positive impacts as a result of reducing vehicle movements and promoting the use of more sustainable transport options (eg. walking/cycling) which do not result in pollutants.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	?	The policy does not specifically relate to conserving or enhancing the character of the landscape. However, the aims of the policy are to minimise the impact on travel on the environment, so there may be an indirect positive impact.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	?	The policy does not specifically relate to conserving or enhancing the built and historic environment. However, the aims of the policy are to minimise the impact on travel on the environment, so there may be an indirect positive impact.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	++	The policy seeks to promote active travel and facilitate sustainable travel, which should help to reduce air pollution across the district.		The policy will have a positive or significantly positive impact on environmental sustainability as a result of promoting and encouraging sustainable modes of travel.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	++	The policy seeks to promote active travel and facilitate sustainable travel, which should help to reduce transport related noise levels across the district.		

	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	? / +	The policy does not specifically relate to soil quality. However, the aims of the policy are to minimise the impact on travel on the environment, so there may be an indirect positive impact.		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	? / +	The policy does not specifically relate to water quality. However, the aims of the policy are to minimise the impact on travel on the environment, so there may be an indirect positive impact.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy will not impact on the use of PDL		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability in relation to efficiency of land use.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy will not impact on the densities of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	+	The policy seeks to promote active travel and facilitate sustainable travel, which should help to reduce energy use in relation to petrol/diesel		The impact of the policy on consumption of natural resources is unknown. While the policy is unlikely to have a direct impact, there is the possibility of indirect positive impacts as a result of promoting and encouraging sustainable modes of travel which reduce reliance on conventional oil based fuels.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	? / +	The policy does not specifically deal with waste. However, there may be an indirect impact in relation to the use of non-conventional fuels or other technological developments that help to reduce waste		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	0	The policy will not impact on water consumption		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	? / +	While the policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on reducing consumption of minerals, moves towards sustainable travel as promoted by the policy may have an indirect impact on demand for oil based fuel products.		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	0	The policy will not impact on the range of employment opportunities		The policy is unlikely to have an impact on employment, but there is a significantly positive impact on economic sustainability in relation to
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy will not impact on the effective or efficient use of employment land		

	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	++	The policy seeks to improve travel choice and facilitate sustainable travel within, between and to urban areas and rural service centres which will help to support the viability and vitality of town and village centres.		the viability and vitality of town and village centres where improved sustainable transport links are to be provided.
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Summary of Effect

Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:
Positive	High	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term
The policy is likely to have a long term positive impact on all sustainability objectives as it seeks to promote and encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel, such as walking, cycling and the use of public transport over car use. A number of indirectly positive environmental impacts have also been identified, which relate to benefits that a reduction in car use would have that are not directly related to the policy. No negative impacts have been identified as a result of this policy.				

SP24 Infrastructure Requirements and Delivery

SA Objective	SA Sub-Objective	Effects of Policy on SA Objectives	Justification for assessment	Mitigation / Enhancement	Comment
9: To reduce emissions contributing to climate change and ensure adaptation measures are in place to respond to climate change.	9(a): To reduce West Berkshire's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions	+ / ?	The policy is primarily focused on ensuring necessary infrastructure is delivered alongside new development. While the policy does not specifically seek to reduce GHG emissions, the provision of suitable and necessary infrastructure may have an indirect positive impact by ensuring sites have the services and facilities they require to minimise GHG emissions.		The policy is likely to result in a positive impact on all elements of sustainability as a result of ensuring the provision of flood risk infrastructure.
	9(b): To sustainably manage flood risk to people, property and the environment	+	The policy requires that necessary infrastructure is provided alongside developments, this includes infrastructure which helps to sustainability manages flood risk.		
1: To enable provision of housing to meet identified need in sustainable locations	1(a): To maximise the provision of affordable housing to meet identified need	0	Although the policy does not specifically relate to the provision of affordable housing it does look to make sure that necessary infrastructure is available in order to support residential developments of all types.		The policy is unlikely to have a direct impact on housing provision, but will ensure that the necessary infrastructure to support such development is provided alongside new housing development.
	1(b): To enable provision of housing to meet all sectors of the	0	Although the policy does not specifically relate to the provision of		

	community, including those with specialist requirements		housing it does look to make sure that necessary infrastructure is available in order to support residential developments of all types.		
2: To improve health, safety and wellbeing and reduce inequalities	2(a): To support healthy, active lifestyles	+	The policy seeks to ensure that infrastructure necessary to support a development is provided, which could include facilities to support health, active lifestyles.		The policy is likely to have a positive or significantly positive impact on social and environmental sustainability, particularly in relation to the provision of GI to support new development.
	2(b): To reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	?	The policy does not actively seek to reduce levels and fear of crime. There may be indirect positive impacts as a result of ensuring suitable infrastructure is provided alongside developments.		
	2(c): To enable the protection and enhancement of high quality multi-functional GI across the District	++	The policy seeks to ensure necessary infrastructure is provided to allow a development to go ahead, this could include the provision of GI.		
3: To improve accessibility to community infrastructure	3(a): To improve access to education, health and other services	++	The policy is focused on providing necessary infrastructure, facilities and services where they are required as a result of development, which will result in improved access to education, health and other services.		The policy is likely to have a significantly positive impact on all elements of sustainability as a result of the provision of infrastructure to support access to education, health and other services as a result of new development.
	3(b): To support the development of access to IT facilities including Broadband particularly in rural locations	++	The policy is focused on providing necessary infrastructure to support development, which could include the provision of access to IT facilities.		
4: To promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable travel.	4(a): To reduce accidents and improve safety	+	The policy is focused on providing necessary infrastructure to support development, this could include infrastructure to improve road safety.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on social sustainability, with an indirect impact on economic and environmental sustainability as people choose to consider using more sustainable modes of travel.
	4(b): To increase opportunities for walking, cycling and use of public transport	+	The policy is focused on providing necessary infrastructure to support development, this could include infrastructure to support allow easy consideration of walking, cycling and public transport		
5: Ensure that the character and distinctiveness	5(a): To conserve and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity of West Berkshire	?	The policy does not specifically deal with biodiversity and geodiversity. However, the provision of adequate infrastructure, services and facilities		The policy is unlikely to have an impact on any element of sustainability in relation to the character

of the natural, built and historic environment is conserved and enhanced.			could include provision of biodiversity and geodiversity infrastructure.		and distinctiveness of the natural, built and historic environment.
	5(b): To conserve and enhance the character of the landscape	0	The policy will not impact on the character of the landscape.		
	5(c): To protect or, conserve and enhance the built and historic environment to include sustaining the significant interest of heritage assets	0	The policy will not impact on the built or historic environment.		
6: To protect and improve air, water and soil quality, and minimise noise levels throughout West Berkshire.	6(a): To reduce air pollution	0	The policy will not impact on air quality.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on environmental sustainability where infrastructure improvements are considered necessary in relation to noise or water quality.
	6(b): To manage noise levels	+	The policy could require noise mitigation to be included, where it is considered necessary infrastructure to support a development.		
	6(c): To maintain and improve soil quality	0	The policy will not impact on soil quality		
	6(d): To maintain and improve water quality	+	The policy seeks to ensure that infrastructure to support new development is provided, which could include facilities to maintain and improve water quality.		
7: To promote and improve the efficiency of land use.	7(b): To maximise the use of previously developed land and buildings where appropriate	0	The policy will not impact on the use of PDL.		The policy is unlikely to impact on any element of sustainability.
	7(b): To apply sustainable densities of land use appropriate to location and setting.	0	The policy will not impact on the density of land use		
8: To reduce consumption and waste of natural resources and manage their use efficiently.	8(a): To reduce energy use and promote the development and use of sustainable /renewable energy technologies, generation and storage	+	There policy seeks to ensure that infrastructure, facilities and services that are required to make a development acceptable are provided, this could include facilities for sustainable / renewable energy generation.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on all elements of sustainability in relation to the provision of infrastructure related to sustainable / renewable energy.
	8(b): To reduce waste generation and disposal in line with the waste hierarchy and reuse of materials	0	The policy is unlikely impact on waste generation		
	8(c): To reduce water consumption and promote reuse	?	The policy does not specifically deal with reducing water consumption.		

			However, where infrastructure is deemed necessarily in relation to water use there could be scope to impact on water consultation.		
	8(d): To reduce the consumption of minerals and promote reuse of secondary materials	0	The policy is unlikely to impact on the consumption of minerals.		
10: To support a strong, diverse and sustainable economic base which meets identified needs.	10(a): To encourage a range of employment opportunities that meet the needs of the District	?	The policy does not specifically deal with the provision of employment opportunities, however, there may be an indirect impact on employment where certain facilities, services are deemed necessary to support a development which result in employment opportunities.		The policy is likely to have a positive impact on economic sustainability, through the provision of employment opportunities associated with facilities required for new developments.
	10(b): To support key sectors and utilise employment land effectively and efficiently	0	The policy will not impact on use of employment land		
	10(c): To support the viability and vitality of town and village centres	0	The policy will not impact on the viability or vitality of town or village centres.		
Overall Effect:	Likelihood:	Scale:	Duration:	Timing:	
Positive	Medium	District Wide	Permanent	Long Term	
The policy is likely to have an overall positive impact on all elements of sustainability. A number of significantly positive impacts are predicted particularly in relation to social sustainability through the provision of infrastructure to support new developments and local communities. There are also a number of unknown impacts as the policy does not specifically deal with those areas, but may have an indirectly positive impact as a result of the aims of the policy to deliver infrastructure to support development. No negative impacts have been identified.					