Spatial Strategy

SS1 Spatial Strategy for Wealden

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS1 Policy: Spatial Strategy for Wealden
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SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • The policy supports the continued contribution to the sustainability of the District's towns and villages, including the necessary improvements to infrastructure and the facilitation of 20 minute neighbourhoods and active travel. • The policy will help to minimise greenhouse gas emissions and ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to improve energy efficiency. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short to medium term and major positive in the long term as the effects of the policy are realised.
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • The policy supports the continued contribution to the sustainability of the District's towns and villages, including the necessary improvements to infrastructure and the facilitation of 20 minute neighbourhoods and active travel. • The policy will help the District to reduce the adverse effects of climate change through climate adaptation measures. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short to medium term and major positive in the long term as the effects of the policy are realised.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • The policy supports the continued contribution to the sustainability of the District's towns and villages, including the necessary improvements to infrastructure.

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						• The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy aims to protect water resources and provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• Development proposals should make the best use of previously developed land, apply an appropriate density to its use, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. • Land outside development boundaries will be considered as the countryside, which will be protected unless development is supported by a specific policy referenced elsewhere in the Plan. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to use land efficiently and protect natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires the delivery of sustainable development which considers the impact on resources.
SO7	POLLUTION					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires the delivery of sustainable development which considers the impact on the existing and surrounding character of the area, which should include the impact of pollution from development.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• Development proposals should make the best use of previously developed land, apply an appropriate density to its use, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area.

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						• Land outside development boundaries will be considered as the countryside, which will be protected unless development is supported by a specific policy referenced elsewhere in the Plan. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to provide the required infrastructure provision, including green and blue infrastructure, and consider the impact of proposals on the existing and surrounding area.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. • Land outside development boundaries will be considered as the countryside, which will be protected unless development is supported by a specific policy referenced elsewhere in the Plan. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to balance the impact on the natural environment, which includes biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. • Land outside development boundaries will be considered as the countryside, which will be protected unless development is supported by a specific policy referenced elsewhere in the Plan. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to consider the impact upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area.

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						• The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to consider the impact upon the existing and surrounding character of the area, including historic and cultural heritage.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• Development proposals should make the best use of previously developed land, apply an appropriate density to its use, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to provide the required infrastructure provision, including digital infrastructure.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • The policy supports the continued contribution to the sustainability of the District's towns and villages, including the necessary improvements to infrastructure and the facilitation of 20 minute neighbourhoods and active travel. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short to medium term and major positive in the long term as the effects of the policy are realised.
SO14	HOUSING					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should make the best use of previously developed land, apply an appropriate density to its use, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short to medium term and major positive in the long term until new sustainable housing is delivered.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • The policy supports and facilitates the 20-minute neighbourhood concept for the District's towns and villages to help create healthy, well-designed and integrated neighbourhoods.

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						• The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires the delivery of sustainable development, which helps to create healthy, well-designed and cohesive neighbourhoods.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • The policy supports and facilitates the 20-minute neighbourhood concept for the District's towns and villages to help create healthy, well-designed and integrated neighbourhoods. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires the delivery of sustainable development, which helps to create healthy, well-designed and cohesive neighbourhoods.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Development proposals should, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. • Economic development proposals will be supported, which deliver growth in high-skilled jobs and an expansion of tourism that contributes towards the delivery of sustainable economic prosperity in the District. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires the delivery of sustainable development, which will help to create healthy, well-designed and cohesive neighbourhoods, economic growth and jobs, which should reduce social deprivation.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside. • Economic development proposals will be supported, which deliver growth in high-skilled jobs and an expansion of tourism that contributes towards the delivery of sustainable economic prosperity in the District. • New strategic employment floorspace will be allocated for development and the District's strategic employment sites will also be protected, alongside non-strategic employment land. Improvements to existing strategic employment sites will also be supported. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as it will result in an increase in employment land and jobs.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• The role of the district, service and local centres will be protected and enhanced by encouraging a range of uses consistent with their scale and function having regard to its

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						position in the hierarchy. Retail growth during the plan period will be focused within these centres in accordance with the town centre hierarchy and policies. • Improvements to district, service and local centres will be supported where this will support the vitality and viability of centres including improvements to the quality of town centres and public realm, the provision of a diverse offer, the provision of community services, improvements to active travel infrastructure and the night-time economy. Development that is associated with the 'greening' of our town centres will be particularly supported. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as it will support the vitality and viability of the town and village centres.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• Development proposals should, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. • Economic development proposals will be supported, which will deliver a growth in high-skilled jobs and an expansion of tourism that contributes towards the delivery of sustainable economic prosperity in the District. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy requires development to provide the required infrastructure provision, including education and skills and supports the growth in jobs and economic growth.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS1																			
	Policy: Spatial Strategy for Wealden																			
SA EFFECTS	**SO1 Climate Change Mitigation**	**SO2 Climate Change Adaptation**	**SO3 Flood Risk**	**SO4 Water resources/Quality**	**SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals**	**SO6 Waste**	**SO7 Pollution**	**SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure**	**SO9 Biodiversity**	**SO10 Landscape & Townscape**	**SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage**	**SO12 Digital Infrastructure**	**SO13 Travel & Accessibility**	**SO14 Housing**	**SO15 Health & Wellbeing**	**SO16 Quality of Life & Place**	**SO17 Social Deprivation**	**SO18 Economy & Employment**	**SO19 Town & Village Centres**	**SO20 Education & Skills**
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COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have a major positive impact for the duration of the plan. Some impacts are minor positive in the short and medium term as they are unlikely to be delivered until later in the plan period.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Climate Change, Design, Natural Environment, Historic Environment, Infrastructure, Economy and Town Centres, will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is positive as the spatial strategy sets out a defined framework for the delivery of sustainable and high-quality development, which meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside.
Summary	Major Positive **SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO6 Waste; SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO15 Health & Wellbeing; SO16 Quality of Life & Place; SO17 Social Deprivation; SO18 Economy & Employment; SO19 Town & Village Centre and SO20 Education & Skills** • The policy aims to deliver sustainable and high-quality development that meets the needs of the District's communities for homes and jobs, whilst balancing the impact of growth on the natural environment, protected landscapes and the countryside.

	• The policy supports the continued contribution to the sustainability of the District's towns and villages, including the necessary improvements to infrastructure and the facilitation of 20 minute neighbourhoods and active travel. • The policy will help to minimise greenhouse gas emissions and ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place to improve energy efficiency ensuring that climate change mitigation and adaptation are suitably addressed. • Development proposals should make the best use of previously developed land, apply an appropriate density to its use, ensure the creation of strong, sustainable, cohesive and inclusive communities including required infrastructure provision. • Development proposals should also consider land take and the impact this may have on the natural environment and resources, whilst also relating well to the existing and surrounding character of the area. The policy will therefore have a positive impact upon natural resources, pollution and the landscape and character of the District. • Economic development proposals will be supported, which deliver growth in high-skilled jobs and an expansion of tourism that contributes towards the delivery of sustainable economic prosperity in the District. The policy will therefore result in an increase in employment land and jobs. • Improvements to district, service and local centres will also be supported where this will support the vitality and viability of centres including improvements to the quality of town centres and public realm, the provision of a diverse offer and community services Minor Positive **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO13 Travel & Access and SO14 Housing** • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short to medium term but increase to major positive in the long term as the effects of the policy are realised and development is delivered. No Significant Effects: None Minor Negative Effects: None Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: None Overall, the policy is shown to have a Major Positive effect

SS2 Provision of Homes

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS2 Policy: Provision of Homes
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SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the district. • The Sustainable Settlement Study 2023 identifies those settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility are considered to be the most sustainable settlements in the District. • The impact is likely to be minor negative as although development will be provided in the most sustainable locations, which will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the delivery of new homes will result in an increase in emissions.
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the district. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the adverse effects of climate change through adaptation or infrastructure provision.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings is based on the level of housing that can be delivered within the plan period, with regard to the development constraints, including flood risk and potential development capacity. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. • The impact is minor positive as the housing will be delivered in the most sustainable settlements, avoiding areas of flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the district. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources and provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the district.

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						• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to use land efficiently and protect natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the district. • The impact is likely to be minor negative as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on waste and materials and this quantum of development will result in a substantial increase in waste and materials.
SO7	POLLUTION					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the district. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as although development will be provided in the most sustainable locations, which should reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the delivery of new homes will result in an increase in emissions and potentially other levels of pollution.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as although development will be provided in the most sustainable locations, there is no reference to the required infrastructure provision, including green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings is based on the level of housing that can be delivered within the plan period, with regard to the development constraints, including biodiversity designations and habitats across the District. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as development will be provided in the most sustainable locations and considers the impact upon biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings is based on the level of housing that can be delivered within the plan period, with regard to the development constraints, including landscape considerations in relation to the High Weald AONB and the setting of the South Downs National Park.

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						• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as development will be provided in the most sustainable locations and considers the impact upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as although development will be provided in the most sustainable locations the policy does not consider the impact upon historic and cultural heritage.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as although development will be provided in the most sustainable locations the policy does not consider the impact upon infrastructure provision, including digital infrastructure.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• The housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings is based on the level of housing that can be delivered within the plan period with regard to the development constraints including potential highways impacts, particularly around the A22 and A26 corridor, which will likely constrain growth in the south and north of the District respectively, particularly around Hailsham and Uckfield and the surrounding areas, accounting for cumulative impacts. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as an increase in development is still likely to result in an increase in the number of trips by car and will not necessarily improve sustainable travel and access.
SO14	HOUSING					• A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. This would achieve an annual target of 953 homes per year. This target includes a windfall allowance of 2,000 dwellings over the plan period. • For this option, there is a shortfall in housing delivery of 4,071 (net) dwellings, which amounts to a shortfall of 247 dpa. • The overall housing supply figure is based on the level of housing that can be delivered within the plan period, having regard to identified constraints for highways, flood risk, landscape,

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						biodiversity and potential development capacity. The identified constraints lead to a lack of deliverable sites in sustainable locations within the District. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term in that it will result in the delivery of 15,729 homes in the most sustainable settlements but there will still be a shortfall in local housing need.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as development will be provided in the most sustainable locations with the most services and facilities and good accessibility, however the policy does not consider the capacity of provision and instead talks to the quantum of housing development overall in the plan period.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as the policy does not address issues of design for the new housing.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. This would achieve an annual target of 953 homes per year. This target includes a windfall allowance of 2,000 dwellings over the plan period • For this option, there is a shortfall in housing delivery of 4,071 (net) dwellings, which amounts to a shortfall of 247 dpa • The impact is likely to be uncertain as although 15,729 houses will be delivered, the policy does not meet the local housing need or set out the type, tenure and mix of the dwellings and issues of social deprivation to be addressed.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. This would achieve an annual target of 953 homes per year. This target includes a windfall allowance of 2,000 dwellings over the plan period. • For this option, there is a shortfall in housing delivery of 4,071 (net) dwellings, which amounts to a shortfall of 247 dpa. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility.

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						• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new homes will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. This would achieve an annual target of 953 homes per year. This target includes a windfall allowance of 2,000 dwellings over the plan period. • For this option, there is a shortfall in housing delivery of 4,071 (net) dwellings, which amounts to a shortfall of 247 dpa. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new homes will support the vitality and viability of the town and village centres.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy directs development to the most sustainable settlements and will support the potential increase in opportunities for skills and training.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS2																		
SA EFFECTS	**SO1 Climate Change Mitigation**	**SO2 Climate Change Adaptation**	**SO3 Flood Risk**	**SO4 Water resources/Quality**	**SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals**	**SO6 Waste**	**SO7 Pollution**	**SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure**	**SO9 Biodiversity**	**SO10 Landscape & Townscape**	**SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage**	**SO12 Digital Infrastructure**	**SO13 Travel & Accessibility**	**SO14 Housing**	**SO15 Health & Wellbeing**	**SO16 Quality of Life & Place**	**SO17 Social Deprivation**	**SO18 Economy & Employment**	**SO19 Town & Village Centres**	**SO20 Education & Skills**
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COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than housing delivery. Minor negative impacts are identified for climate change mitigation and waste and materials, but these could be reduced by the application of other specific local plan policies and advances in technology over the life of the Plan.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to the Natural Environment, Housing, Economy and Town Centres, will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is a mix of minor positive, as a result of the delivery of new homes, and uncertain given the potential impacts upon the other sustainability objectives.
Summary	Major Positive None Minor Positive **SO3 Flood Risk; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO14 Housing; SO15 Health & Wellbeing; SO18 Economy & Employment; SO19 Town & Village Centre and SO20 Education & Skills** • The overall housing supply figure is based on the level of housing that can be delivered within the plan period, having regard to identified constraints for highways, flood risk, landscape, biodiversity and potential development capacity. The identified constraints lead to a lack of deliverable sites in sustainable locations within the District. • New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility.

	• The provision of new homes will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs and the vitality and viability of the District's towns and villages. No Significant Effects: None Minor Negative Effects: **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation and SO6 Waste** Minor negative impacts are identified for climate change mitigation and waste and materials, but these could be reduced by the application of other specific Local Plan policies and advances in technology over the life of the Plan. Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: **SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO13 Travel & Accessibility; SO16 Quality of Life & Place and SO17 Social Deprivation;** • The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the Plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than housing delivery. Overall, the policy is shown to have an Uncertain effect as specific measures to deal with effects are not identified within the policy. Whilst the policy has a minor positive impact in that it will deliver 15,729 (net) dwellings, there will be a shortfall in housing delivery of 4,071 (net) dwellings, which amounts to a shortfall of 247 dpa. A housing target of 15,729 (net) dwellings will be delivered in the District between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2040. This would achieve an annual target of 953 homes per year and includes a windfall allowance of 2,000 dwellings over the plan period. For this option, there is a shortfall in housing delivery of 4,071 (net) dwellings, which amounts to a shortfall of 247 dpa. New housing (allocations and windfall) development is supported in the District's most sustainable settlements and will be located within the defined settlement areas within the District. The option has been informed by the following evidence – Local Housing Need Assessment 2021; Housing Supply Topic Paper; Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment; Interim HRA; Brownfield Land Register 2023; Council's AMR; Sustainable Settlement Study; Interim Infrastructure Delivery Plan; Sustainable Transport Evidence Base; Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessments; and Landscape Assessments. The Sustainable Settlement Study 2023 identifies those settlements with the most services and facilities and a good level of public transport and accessibility and are considered to be the most sustainable settlements in the District.

SS3 Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople – Accommodation Needs

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS3 Policy: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople – Accommodation Needs
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• Provision will be made for 51 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 3 plots for Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the needs identified in the GTAA for those who meet the PPTS definitions. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not specify the location or type of facilities that will be provided. It is therefore not known what the impact will be upon climate change mitigation.
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not specify how the facilities will respond to the adverse effects of climate change through adaptation or infrastructure provision.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not specify how the facilities will avoid areas of flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources and provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to use land efficiently and protect natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on waste and materials.
SO7	POLLUTION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on pollution.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on upon biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on upon historic and cultural heritage.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS3 Policy: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople – Accommodation Needs
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on upon infrastructure provision, including digital infrastructure.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on sustainable travel and access.
SO14	HOUSING					• Provision will be made for 51 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 3 plots for Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the needs identified in the GTAA for those who meet the PPTS definitions. This accounts for the definition provided in December 2023 as set out in the PPTS. • The identified need has been informed by the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) (May 2022), Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) (August, 2015) and Housing Needs Background Paper. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population, however the policy lacks detail on the quality of the pitches and plots to be provided and whether this will meet the needs for the GTTS population.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• Provision will be made for 51 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 3 plots for Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the needs identified in the GTAA for those who meet the PPTS definitions. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population, however the policy lacks detail, including consideration of access to facilities and services.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• Provision will be made for 51 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 3 plots for Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the needs identified in the GTAA for those who meet the PPTS definitions. This accounts for the definition provided in December 2023 as set out in the PPTS. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as although it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population, the policy lacks detail on the type and location of pitches and plots, which could have an impact on quality of life and place.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• Provision will be made for 51 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 3 plots for Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the needs identified in the GTAA for those who meet the PPTS definitions. This accounts for the definition provided in December 2023 as set out in the PPTS. • The policy respects the interests of the settled gypsy and traveller community, including promoting social inclusion and ensuring that they have fair and equal access to accommodation that meets their needs.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS3 Policy: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople – Accommodation Needs
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						• The impact is likely to be minor positive as it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population which could have a positive impact on issues of social deprivation for the GTTS population.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as although it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population, the policy lacks detail on access to facilities and services including opportunities for jobs.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as although it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population, the policy lacks detail on the location of the pitches and plots and how they will impact upon the vitality and viability of town and village centres.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as although it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population, the policy lacks detail on access to facilities and services including opportunities for education, skills and training.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS3																		
SA EFFECTS	**SO1 Climate Change Mitigation**	**SO2 Climate Change Adaptation**	**SO3 Flood Risk**	**SO4 Water resources/Quality**	**SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals**	**SO6 Waste**	**SO7 Pollution**	**SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure**	**SO9 Biodiversity**	**SO10 Landscape & Townscape**	**SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage**	**SO12 Digital Infrastructure**	**SO13 Travel & Accessibility**	**SO14 Housing**	**SO15 Health & Wellbeing**	**SO16 Quality of Life & Place**	**SO17 Social Deprivation**	**SO18 Economy & Employment**	**SO19 Town & Village Centres**	**SO20 Education & Skills**
Major Positive																			
Minor Positive																			
Not Significant																			
Minor Negative																			
Major Negative																			
Uncertain																			

COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than provision of plots and pitches for the GTTS population.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Housing, and the Spatial Strategy will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is uncertain for the majority of sustainability objectives, although there would be a positive impact for the provision of suitable accommodation which is likely to have positive impacts for health and wellbeing and social deprivation.
Summary	Major Positive None Minor Positive **SO14 Housing; SO15 Health & Wellbeing and SO17 Social Deprivation** • Provision will be made for 51 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and 3 plots for Travelling Showpeople in accordance with the needs identified in the GTAA for those who meet the PPTS definitions. This accounts for the definition provided in December 2023, as set out in the PPTS. • It was concluded within the GTAA that having regard to the NPPF, PPTS and Equalities Act (2010) that Local Plans in East Sussex should aim to meet the 'PPTS' need through the delivery of new pitches, whilst 'ethnic' need (potential cultural need for accommodation) should be covered by a criteria-based policy.

	• The policy respects the interests of the settled gypsy and traveller community, including promoting social inclusion and ensuring that they have fair and equal access to accommodation that meets their needs. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as it provides for the accommodation needs of the GTTS population which could have a positive impact on issues of housing, health and wellbeing and social deprivation for the GTTS population. No Significant Effects: None Minor Negative Effects: None Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO6 Waste; SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO13 Travel & Accessibility; SO16 Quality of Life & Place; SO18 Economy & Employment; SO19 Town & Village Centre and SO20 Education & Skills** • The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than provision of new pitches and plots and does specify the location or type of facilities and services that should be provided, including infrastructure provision. Overall, the policy is shown to have an uncertain effect as specific measures to deal with effects are not identified within the policy. Further work will be carried out for the Regulation 19 stage of the Plan to investigate whether existing Gypsy and Traveller sites could be expanded and other opportunities and locations to address the 'PPTS' accommodation needs of the District in full. This will include consideration of existing Gypsy and Traveller sites for expansion, the delivery of 'new' sites on Council owned land, the delivery of Gypsy and Traveller pitches on strategic development sites or through the consideration of submitted sites through the Council's SHELAA process. The Council will also consider any further sites submitted as part of the 'call for sites' that is taking place alongside the Regulation 18 consultation.

SS4 Retail Provision and Town Centres

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS4 Policy: Retail Provision and Town Centres
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• The provision of between 3,300 sqm and 4,800 sqm of convenience retail floorspace and between 1,300 sqm and 1,800 sqm of comparison retail floorspace by 2040 is supported. This will be achieved within the district, service and local centres as defined in Policy TC1. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to provide climate change mitigation or reduce greenhouse gas emissions
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the adverse effects of climate change through adaptation or infrastructure provision.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources and provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to use land efficiently and protect natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to address waste and materials.
SO7	POLLUTION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to address pollution.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the required infrastructure provision, including green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon historic and cultural heritage.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon infrastructure provision, including digital infrastructure.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS4 Policy: Retail Provision and Town Centres
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon sustainable travel and access.
SO14	HOUSING					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon housing.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as there is no reference to the impact upon services and facilities.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as the policy does not address issues of design or place making.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new floorspace in the town centres is likely to improve access to essential services and facilities which could have positive impacts for social deprivation.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new floorspace in the town centres will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• The provision of between 3,300 sqm and 4,800 sqm of convenience retail floorspace and between 1,300 sqm and 1,800 sqm of comparison retail floorspace by 2040 is supported. This will be achieved within the district, service and local centres as defined in Policy TC1. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new floorspace in the town centres will support the vitality and viability of the town and village centres.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new floorspace in the town centres will support the potential increase in opportunities for skills and training.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS4				Policy: Retail Provision and Town Centres															
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
Major Positive																				
Minor Positive																				
Not Significant																				
Minor Negative																				
Major Negative																				
Uncertain																				

COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than provision of new floorspace within town centres.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Economy, Town Centres and Infrastructure, will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is a mix of minor positive, as a result of the provision of new retail space, and uncertain given the potential impacts upon the other sustainability objectives.
Summary	Major Positive **SO19 Town & Village Centre** • The provision of between 3,300 sqm and 4,800 sqm of convenience retail floorspace and between 1,300 sqm and 1,800 sqm of comparison retail floorspace by 2040 is supported. This will be achieved within the district, service and local centres as defined in Policy TC1. • The policy has been informed by the Council's Economic Development Strategy (2023-2033) and the Wealden Town Centre Study (2022) • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new floorspace in the town centres will support the vitality and viability of the town and local centres. Minor Positive **SO17 Social Deprivation; SO18 Economy & Employment and SO20 Education & Skills**

	• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of new floorspace in the town centres is likely to improve access to essential services and facilities which could have positive impacts for social deprivation, economic growth and jobs and provide opportunities for skills and training. No Significant Effects: None Minor Negative Effects: None Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals;SO6 Waste**; **SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO13 Travel & Accessibility; SO14 Housing; SO16 Quality of Life & Place and SO15 Health & Wellbeing;** • The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than new retail floorspace within town centres. Overall, whilst the policy will have a positive impact upon the provision of retail floorspace within the District, which is likely to have some positive impacts for the economy and job creation, the policy is shown to have an uncertain effect of effects as specific measures to deal with the sustainability objectives are not identified within the policy. The Council's Town Centre evidence currently covers the period up to 2039. The Council will update the Town Centre evidence to align with the Local Plan period 2040 to inform the Regulation 19 Local Plan.

SS5 Provision of Employment Floorspace

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS5 Policy: Provision of Employment Floorspace
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• The Council will support the provision of at least 84,850 sqm of employment floorspace in use Classes E(g), B2 and B8 by 2040. • The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to address climate mitigation
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the adverse effects of climate change through adaptation or infrastructure provision.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to avoid areas flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources and provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• The policy supports existing businesses through the provision of new employment premises/floorspace or the redevelopment, conversion, upgrading, intensification or reconfiguration of employment premises or floorspace on existing employment sites. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as the policy should enable the efficient use of land and protect natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on waste and materials.
SO7	POLLUTION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to address pollution.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon historic and cultural heritage.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS5 Policy: Provision of Employment Floorspace
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon infrastructure provision, including digital infrastructure.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• The Council will support the provision of at least 84,850 sqm of employment floorspace in use Classes E(g), B2 and B8 by 2040. • The East Sussex Growth Strategy 2013 – 2020 emphasised support for employment growth along the A22/A26/A27 Eastbourne-Polegate-Uckfield-Crowborough corridor. The Local Plan seeks to deliver its larger employment developments within this growth corridor to make best use of those transport connections. • The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as making use of existing transport connections could reduce car use and provide opportunities for sustainable travel and access. However, the increase in floorspace could have a negative impact upon car use and increase the number of trips.
SO14	HOUSING					• The provision of employment floorspace in the District could have an indirect minor positive impact upon the provision of new housing in the District throughout the plan period as a result of economic growth and employment opportunities.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• The provision of employment floorspace in the District could have an indirect minor positive impact upon services and facilities by stimulating economic growth throughout the plan period.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as the policy does not address issues of design for the employment floorspace.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• The provision of employment floorspace in the District could have an indirect minor positive impact upon services and facilities by stimulating economic growth throughout the plan period and thereby reducing social deprivation.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• The Council will support the provision of at least 84,850 sqm of employment floorspace in use Classes E(g), B2 and B8 by 2040, which will be achieved through the following measures: - The allocation of land as employment sites as listed within Policy SS 6 Strategic Employment Sites; - The delivery of existing commitments for employment uses, with the largest commitments (above 5,000 sqm) already identified in Policy SS 6 Strategic Employment Sites; - The retention of existing employment premises across the district and particularly strategic employment sites identified in Policy EC2: Existing Strategic Employment Sites; - Supporting existing businesses through the provision of new employment premises/floorspace or the redevelopment, conversion, upgrading, intensification or reconfiguration of employment premises or floorspace on existing employment sites; - The delivery of new economic development in rural areas in line with Policy EC4 Rural Economy; and

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS5 Policy: Provision of Employment Floorspace
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						- The provision of new office floorspace (Use Class E(g)(i) within Wealden's designated district, service and local centres. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of employment floorspace will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• The provision of employment floorspace in the District is likely to have a major positive impact over the plan period upon the vitality and viability of town and village centres as a result of economic growth and employment opportunities.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy provides for employment floorspace which is likely to provide economic growth and will support the potential increase in opportunities for skills and training.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS5				Policy: Provision of Employment Floorspace															
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
Major Positive																				
Minor Positive																				
Not Significant																				
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Major Negative																				
Uncertain																				

COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than employment floorspace.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Housing, the Spatial Strategy, Economy, Town Centres and Infrastructure, and the Site Allocation policies will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is a mix of minor positive, as a result of the provision of employment sites and potential for economic growth and employment opportunities, and uncertain given the potential impacts upon the other sustainability objectives.
Summary	Major Positive **SO18 Economy & Employment and SO19 Town & Village Centres** • The Council will support the provision of at least 84,850 sqm of employment floorspace in use Classes E(g), B2 and B8 by 2040, which will be achieved through the following measures: - The allocation of land as employment sites as listed within Policy SS 6 Strategic Employment Sites; - The delivery of existing commitments for employment uses, with the largest commitments (above 5,000 sqm) already identified in Policy SS 6 Strategic Employment Sites; - The retention of existing employment premises across the district and particularly strategic employment sites identified in Policy EC2: Existing Strategic Employment Sites;

- Supporting existing businesses through the provision of new employment premises/floorspace or the redevelopment, conversion, upgrading, intensification or reconfiguration of employment premises or floorspace on existing employment sites;
- The delivery of new economic development in rural areas in line with Policy EC4 Rural Economy; and
- The provision of new office floorspace (Use Class E(g)(i) within Wealden's designated district, service and local centres.

- The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of employment floorspace will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs and the vitality and viability of town and village centres

Minor Positive **SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO14 Housing; SO15 Health & Wellbeing; SO17 Social Deprivation and SO20 Education & Skills**

- The policy supports existing businesses through the provision of new employment premises/floorspace or the redevelopment, conversion, upgrading, intensification or reconfiguration of employment premises or floorspace on existing employment sites, which should enable the efficient use of land and protect natural resources.
- The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy provides for employment floorspace which is likely to provide economic growth, jobs and the potential increase in opportunities for skills and training.

No Significant Effects: None

Minor Negative Effects: None

Major Negative Effects: None

Uncertain: **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO6 Waste**; **SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO13 Travel & Accessibility and SO16 Quality of Life & Place**

- The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than housing delivery. Further testing is also required to understand whether the site west of Uckfield (1,500 homes) will be deliverable in the Plan period, particularly around highways capacity.

Whilst the policy is expected to have a positive impact in relation to the economy and employment, overall, the policy is shown to have an uncertain effect as specific measures to deal with effects on the sustainability objectives are not identified within the policy and other policies are not referenced. The employment figures and evidence base will be updated between the Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 stages to align the identified need with the plan period up to 2040 and account for any new information, such as commitments and completions as well as 2021 census data.

It has been identified that Eastbourne may have a shortfall in employment provision during their plan period of some 23,184 sqm. The Council currently cannot meet its own employment needs so has not sought to address this unmet need at this stage, however, it will consider whether any of Eastbourne's unmet employment land need can be met once Eastbourne Borough Council's evidence on employment supply is progressed further. It is noted that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council submitted a Local Plan (October 2021) that looked to meet their full employment needs of 14 hectares. If this level of employment need is taken forward, it will mean that there is no unmet need from the Borough that needs to be considered.

SS6 Strategic Employment Allocations

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS6 Policy: Strategic Employment Allocations
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• Strategic employment allocations are identified where new employment uses will be supported and safeguarded. In addition, three additional employment sites that are committed sites (i.e. sites with planning permission for employment uses) have been referenced in this policy due to their scale (over 5,000 sqm (net) employment floorspace) (Policy EC2). • The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to address climate mitigation.
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the adverse effects of climate change through adaptation or infrastructure provision.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to avoid areas flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources and provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to use land efficiently and protect natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to respond to the impact on waste and materials.
SO7	POLLUTION					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to address pollution.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon historic and cultural heritage.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to consider the impact upon infrastructure provision, including digital infrastructure.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS6 Policy: Strategic Employment Allocations
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• Given the significant need for B2 and B8 employment uses specifically in the District, the Local Plan seeks to deliver its larger employment developments within the A22/A27 Eastbourne – South Wealden Corridor growth corridor to make best use of those transport connections, which accords with paragraph 83 of the NPPF. • The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as making use of existing transport connections could reduce car use and provide opportunities for sustainable travel and access. However, the increase in sites could have a negative impact upon car use and increase the number of trips.
SO14	HOUSING					• The provision of strategic employment sites in the District could have an indirect minor positive impact upon the provision of new housing in the District throughout the plan period as a result of economic growth and employment opportunities.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• The provision of strategic employment sites in the District could have an indirect minor positive impact upon services and facilities by stimulating economic growth throughout the plan period.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• The impact is likely to be uncertain in the short, medium and long term as the policy does not address issues of design for the strategic employment sites.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• The provision of strategic employment sites in the District could have an indirect minor positive impact upon services and facilities by stimulating economic growth throughout the plan period and thereby reducing social deprivation.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• The Employment and Economic Study for Eastbourne and Wealden (2022) defines the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) for Wealden and has informed the policy. • The study recommends that between 2019 and 2039 that a range of between **3.1 ha and 6.8 ha** is needed for new offices. The study also recommended that there should be no strategic allocations for offices in the District, as additional floorspace can be accommodated through smaller office provisions/ additions within the existing town centres of the District. • In relation to industrial and warehouse floorspace provision, the study has identified a clear need for new sites. Overall, the market remains buoyant and requires further industrial developments to meet demand. • There is a residual employment need for industrial land of 152,831 sqm and a need for new office floorspace of between 17,567 and 36,063 sqm, excluding any current commitments. • Given the significant need for B2 and B8 employment uses specifically in the District, the Local Plan seeks to deliver its larger employment developments within the A22/A27 Eastbourne – South Wealden growth corridor to make best use of those transport connections, which accords with paragraph 83 of the NPPF. • The sites are allocated to provide employment uses E(g), B2 and B8 and a total floorspace of 84,850 sqm.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS6 Policy: Strategic Employment Allocations
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						• The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of strategic employment allocations will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• Retail uses and other Town Centre uses (excluding offices) will not be permitted at the allocated sites. • The provision of strategic employment sites in the District is likely to have a minor positive impact over the plan period upon the vitality and viability of town and village centres as a result of economic growth and employment opportunities.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy allocates strategic employment sites which are likely to provide economic growth which will support the potential increase in opportunities for skills and training.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS6				Policy: Strategic Employment Allocations															
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
Major Positive																				
Minor Positive																				
Not Significant																				
Minor Negative																				
Major Negative																				
Uncertain																				

COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than strategic employment allocations.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Housing, the Spatial Strategy, Economy, Town Centres and Infrastructure, will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is a mix of minor positive, as a result of the provision of employment sites and potential for economic growth and employment opportunities, and uncertain given the potential impacts upon the other sustainability objectives.
Summary	Major Positive **SO18 Economy & Employment** • The Employment and Economic Study for Eastbourne and Wealden (2022) defines the Functional Economic Market Area (FEMA) for Wealden and has informed the policy. • The study recommends that between 2019 and 2039 that a range of between **3.1 ha and 6.8 ha** is needed for new offices. The study also recommended that there should be no strategic allocations for offices in the District, as additional floorspace can be accommodated through smaller office provisions/ additions within the existing town centres of the District. • In relation to industrial and warehouse floorspace provision, the study has identified a clear need for new sites. Overall, the market remains buoyant and requires further industrial developments to meet demand.

- There is a residual employment need for industrial land needed of 152,831 sqm and a need for new office floorspace of between 17,567 and 36,063 sqm, excluding any current commitments.
- Given the significant need for B2 and B8 employment uses specifically in the District, the Local Plan seeks to deliver its larger employment developments within the A22/A27 Eastbourne – South Wealden Corridor growth corridor to make best use of those transport connections, which accords with paragraph 83 of the NPPF.
- The sites are allocated to provide employment uses E(g), B2 and B8 and a total floorspace of 84,850 sqm. This figure is below the employment need identified, however further work will be undertaken between Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 to understand whether the District's employment need can be met.
- Retail uses and other Town Centre uses (excluding offices) will not be permitted at the allocated sites.
- The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as the provision of strategic employment allocations will have a positive impact upon economic growth and jobs.

Minor Positive **SO14 Housing; SO15 Health & Wellbeing; SO17 Social Deprivation; SO19 Town & Village Centre and SO20 Education & Skills**

- The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as the policy allocates strategic employment sites which are likely to provide economic growth and will support the potential increase in opportunities for housing, services and facilities, skills and training.

No Significant Effects: None

Minor Negative Effects: None

Major Negative Effects: None

Uncertain: **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO6 Waste**; **SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO13 Travel & Accessibility and SO16 Quality of Life & Place**

- The majority of impacts will have an uncertain impact for the duration of the plan as the policy does not make specific provision for issues other than the delivery of strategic employment sites. Further testing is also required to understand whether the site at Ashdown Business Park, Maresfield will be deliverable in the Plan period, particularly around highways capacity and flood risk.

Whilst the policy is expected to have a positive impact in relation to the economy and employment, overall, the policy is shown to have an uncertain effect as specific measures to deal with effects on the sustainability objectives are not identified within the policy and other policies are not referenced. The employment figures and evidence base will be updated between the Regulation 18 and Regulation 19 stages to align the identified need with the plan period up to 2040 and account for any new information, such as commitments and completions as well as 2021 census data. The Council will also be undertaking a 'call for sites' for employment and will consider these and whether additional employment sites can be delivered in the plan period to meet the Council's employment need. This work will be undertaken between Regulation 18 and Regulation 19.

It has been identified that Eastbourne may have a shortfall in employment provision during their plan period of some 23,184 sqm. The Council has not sought to address this unmet need at this stage, however, it will consider whether any of Eastbourne's unmet employment land need can be met once Eastbourne Borough Council's evidence on employment supply is progressed further. It is noted that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council submitted a Local Plan (October 2021) that looked to meet their full employment needs of 14 hectares. If this level of employment need is taken forward, it will mean that there is no unmet need from the Borough that needs to be considered.

SS7 Ensuring Comprehensive Development and Housing Delivery

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS7 Policy: Ensuring Comprehensive Development and Housing Delivery
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• A comprehensive approach to site development will be expected for all new development, even where sites are in multiple ownership and provide a mix of uses, to ensure the good planning of an area. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor negative as although consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including climate change, the quantum of development is still likely to result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including climate change adaptation and infrastructure provision.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including water resources and infrastructure provision.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • Support will be given for the sub-division of large sites, where this is proven to expedite the delivery of new homes or employment development and where this does not conflict with the comprehensive planning and delivery of the whole site. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including the efficient use of land and protection of natural resources.
SO6	WASTE					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS7 Policy: Ensuring Comprehensive Development and Housing Delivery
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						• The impact is likely to be minor negative as although consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including waste and materials, the quantum of development is still likely to result in an increase in waste.
SO7	POLLUTION					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including pollution.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including biodiversity.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including historic and cultural heritage.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including digital infrastructure provision.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including sustainable travel and access.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS7 Policy: Ensuring Comprehensive Development and Housing Delivery
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO14	HOUSING					• A comprehensive approach to site development will be expected for all new development, even where sites are in multiple ownership and provide a mix of uses, to ensure the good planning of an area. • The provision of masterplans and design codes will be supported in line with Policy DE2: Masterplans and Design Codes of the Local Plan to help bring forward and co-ordinate the delivery of sites at scale within the District. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • To ensure proposals for development are implemented in a timely manner, the Council will consider imposing planning condition(s) that require development to begin within a timescale shorter than the relevant three-year period, where this would expedite the development and would not threaten its viability or deliverability. • The impact is likely to be major positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including masterplans, design codes, housing and a phasing plan, as well as measures that would expedite the development.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including health and wellbeing.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• The provision of masterplans and design codes will be supported in line with Policy DE2: Masterplans and Design Codes of the Local Plan to help bring forward and co-ordinate the delivery of sites at scale within the District. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including quality of life and place making.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including social deprivation.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• A comprehensive approach to site development will be expected for all new development, even where sites are in multiple ownership and provide a mix of uses, to ensure the good planning of an area. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS7 Policy: Ensuring Comprehensive Development and Housing Delivery
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						• To ensure proposals for development are implemented in a timely manner, the Council will consider imposing planning condition(s) that require development to begin within a timescale shorter than the relevant three-year period, where this would expedite the development and would not threaten its viability or deliverability. • The impact is likely to be major positive in the short, medium and long term as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including economy and employment and the viability and deliverability of development.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• A comprehensive approach to site development will be expected for all new development, even where sites are in multiple ownership and provide a mix of uses, to ensure the good planning of an area. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • To ensure proposals for development are implemented in a timely manner, the Council will consider imposing planning condition(s) that require development to begin within a timescale shorter than the relevant three-year period, where this would expedite the development and would not threaten its viability or deliverability. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including the vitality and viability of the town and village centres.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• A comprehensive approach to site development will be expected for all new development, even where sites are in multiple ownership and provide a mix of uses, to ensure the good planning of an area. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive in the short, medium and long term as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including education, skills and training.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS7																		
	Policy: Ensuring Comprehensive Development and Housing Delivery																		
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
Major Positive																				
Minor Positive																				
Not Significant																				
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Major Negative																				
Uncertain																				

COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have a minor positive impact for the duration of the plan as the policy requires the applicant to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the Local Plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Climate Change, Natural Environment, Historic Environment, Infrastructure, Housing, the Spatial Strategy, Economy and Town Centres, will provide further mitigation measures
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is positive, as a result of the comprehensive delivery of development and new homes. Minor negative impacts are likely for climate change mitigation and waste as all development will result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and waste, which could still have a negative impact after mitigation.
Summary	Major Positive **SO14 Housing and SO18 Economy & Employment** • A comprehensive approach to site development will be expected for all new development, even where sites are in multiple ownership and provide a mix of uses, to ensure the good planning of an area. • The provision of masterplans and design codes will be supported in line with Policy DE2: Masterplans and Design Codes of the Local Plan to help bring forward and co-ordinate the delivery of sites at scale within the District. • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate.

	• To ensure proposals for development are implemented in a timely manner, the Council will consider imposing planning condition(s) that require development to begin within a timescale shorter than the relevant three-year period, where this would expedite the development and would not threaten its viability or deliverability. • The impact is likely to be major positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan including masterplans, design codes, housing and a phasing plan, as well as measures that would expedite the development. Minor Positive **SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO7 Pollution; SO8 G&B Infrastructure; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO13 Travel & Accessibility; SO15 Health & Wellbeing; SO16 Quality of Life & Place; SO17 Social Deprivation; SO19 Town & Village Centre and SO20 Education & Skills** • The applicant will need to ensure proper consideration has been given to how the policy requirements in the local plan relate to the whole site, with a phasing plan where appropriate. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as consideration needs to be given to the policy requirements of the local plan No Significant Effects: None Minor Negative Effects: **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation and SO6 Waste** • Minor negative impacts are identified for climate change mitigation and waste and materials as all development will result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions and waste, which could still have a negative impact after mitigation. Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: None Overall, the policy is shown to have major positive effects for housing and the economy and minor positive effects for the majority of the other sustainability objectives as consideration needs to be given to the other policy requirements of the Local Plan. The Council will work closely with key partners, developers and landowners to expedite the delivery of housing and to maintain at least a five-year supply of deliverable sites for housing and to meet the overall housing requirement for the District (including its Housing Delivery Test (HDT) measurement) if possible. It is noted that both the HDT and five-year housing land supply requirement are currently under review, and if changes are made to either mechanism, then this will be considered at the Regulation 19 stage.

SS8 Responding to Climate Change

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS8 Policy: Responding to Climate Change
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• Development proposals will be expected to deliver best practice and provide innovative and creative solutions to mitigate climate change, to help meet nationally binding targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and for Wealden to become a carbon neutral district, as soon as possible. • Support will be given to development proposals that help mitigate climate change and consideration will be given to how development proposals meet the criteria of the policy. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide suitable mitigation for climate change
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• Development proposals will be expected to protect people and nature through climate change adaptation and measures to improve climate change resilience. Support will be given to development proposals that promote and assist climate change adaptation and reduce the negative impacts of climate change. • Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change adaptation against the criteria of the policy. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can respond to the adverse effects of climate change through adaptation measures.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including flood risk. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including water resources. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including soil, land and minerals. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO6	WASTE					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including waste and materials. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS8 Policy: Responding to Climate Change
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO7	POLLUTION					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including pollution. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including green & blue infrastructure. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including biodiversity. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including landscape and townscape. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including historic and cultural heritage. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including digital infrastructure. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including sustainable travel and accessibility. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO14	HOUSING					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including housing. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including health and wellbeing.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS8 Policy: Responding to Climate Change
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						• The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including quality of life and place. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including social deprivation. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including the economy and employment. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including towns and village centres. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy, including education and skills. • The impact is likely to be major positive as development will need to demonstrate how it can address climate change and adaptation.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS8				Policy: Responding to Climate Change															
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
Major Positive																				
Minor Positive																				
Not Significant																				
Minor Negative																				
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COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	All the impacts will have a major positive impact over the life of the Plan.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Climate Change, the Natural Environment, Historic Environment, Infrastructure and the Spatial Strategy, will provide further mitigation measures.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is a major positive as the policy will ensure new development across the District deliver the best practice and provide innovative and creative solutions to mitigate climate change, and improve climate change resilience to help meet nationally binding targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and for Wealden to become a carbon neutral district, as soon as possible.
Summary	Major Positive **All SA Objectives** • Development proposals will be expected to deliver best practice and provide innovative and creative solutions to mitigate climate change, to help meet nationally binding targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and for Wealden to become a carbon neutral district, as soon as possible. • Development proposals will be expected to protect people and nature through climate change adaptation and measures to improve climate change resilience. Support will be given to development proposals that promote and assist climate change adaptation and reduce the negative impacts of climate change. • Support will be given to development proposals that address climate change mitigation and adaptation against the criteria of the policy.

	Minor Positive None No Significant Effects: None Minor Negative Effects: None Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: None The Council is committed to tackling the causes and impacts of climate change, as well as delivering a reduction in the District's carbon footprint and seeking to become a net zero carbon District by 2050 at the latest. Policy SS7 sets out how development proposals are expected to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, which is supported by more detailed policy requirements in the Local Plan. All developments will be expected to contribute to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. Overall, the policy is shown to have a major positive effect.

SS9 Health, wellbeing and quality of life

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS9 Policy: Health, wellbeing and quality of life
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• New development should be designed to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places that promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and well-being and therefore contribute to reducing health inequalities within the District. • Development must support and address the health and wellbeing needs in Wealden as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. • Proposals should include measures that relate to health including healthy eating and food security, pollution, open space etc. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as although development is encouraged to consider health and wellbeing, the quantum of new development will result in an increase in emissions.
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work, and enable climate resilience. • The impact is likely to be major positive .
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work, and enable climate resilience. • The impact is minor positive.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work, and enable climate resilience. • Opportunities should be taken to improve factors that can contribute to poor health and social inequalities, including water pollution. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• Proposals should include measures that relate to health including healthy eating and food security, pollution, open space etc. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO6	WASTE					• No significant impact.
SO7	POLLUTION					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work, and enable climate resilience.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS9 Policy: Health, wellbeing and quality of life
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
						• Opportunities should be taken to improve factors that can contribute to poor health and social inequalities, including noise, vibration and air quality. All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work. • Opportunities should be provided to locate community facilities or spaces for people to meet and socialise in the best location for those walking, cycling, wheeling or using public transport and create integrated neighbourhoods that improve connectivity with the wider natural and built environment and to key services. • Development should provide a network of different types of spaces, incorporating multifunctional green infrastructure and access to nature, as well as enabling climate change resilience. • The impact is likely to be major positive.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work. • Opportunities should be provided to locate community facilities or spaces for people to meet and socialise in the best location for those walking, cycling, wheeling or using public transport and create integrated neighbourhoods that improve connectivity with the wider natural and built environment and to key services. • Development should provide a network of different types of spaces, incorporating multifunctional green infrastructure and access to nature, as well as enabling climate change resilience. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS9 Policy: Health, wellbeing and quality of life
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work. • Development should deliver good accessibility routes for all users through the provision, improvement or enhancement of well-connected streets and path networks, to enable active and sustainable travel, increasing physical activity and contributing to the creation of sustainable neighbourhoods. • Opportunities should be provided to locate community facilities or spaces for people to meet and socialise in the best location for those walking, cycling, wheeling or using public transport and create integrated neighbourhoods that improve connectivity with the wider natural and built environment and to key services. • Development should provide a network of different types of spaces, incorporating multifunctional green infrastructure and access to nature, as well as enabling climate change resilience. • The impact is likely to be major positive
SO14	HOUSING					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • Opportunities should be provided to locate community facilities or spaces for people to meet and socialise in the best location for those walking, cycling, wheeling or using public transport and create integrated neighbourhoods that improve connectivity with the wider natural and built environment and to key services. • Development should provide a network of different types of spaces, incorporating multifunctional green infrastructure and access to nature, as well as enabling climate change resilience. • All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The impact is likely to be major positive
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• New development should be designed to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places that promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and well-being and therefore contribute to reducing health inequalities within the District. • Development must support and address the health and wellbeing needs in Wealden as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

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						• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The impact is likely to be major positive
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• New development should be designed to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places that promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and well-being and therefore contribute to reducing health inequalities within the District. • Development must support and address the health and wellbeing needs in Wealden as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. • Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The impact is likely to be major positive
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • Development should take opportunities to improve the factors that can contribute to poor health and social inequalities such as noise, vibration, air quality, crime, local amenity, water pollution, deficiencies in open space, recreation and sports facilities and access to the countryside; and contribute towards local labour training, placements / apprenticeships to improve skills to help tackle worklessness, especially for young people. • The impact is likely to be minor positive
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • Development should take opportunities to improve the factors that can contribute to poor health and social inequalities and contribute towards local labour training, placements / apprenticeships to improve skills to help tackle worklessness, especially for young people. • All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work

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						• Development should take opportunities to improve the factors that can contribute to poor health and social inequalities and contribute towards local labour training, placements / apprenticeships to improve skills to help tackle worklessness, especially for young people. • Opportunities should be provided to locate community facilities or spaces for people to meet and socialise in the best location for those walking, cycling, wheeling or using public transport and create integrated neighbourhoods that improve connectivity with the wider natural and built environment and to key services. • All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • Development should take opportunities to improve the factors that can contribute to poor health and social inequalities and contribute towards local labour training, placements / apprenticeships to improve skills to help tackle worklessness, especially for young people. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS9							Policy: Health, wellbeing and quality of life												
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
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COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have a major and minor positive impact for the duration of the plan.
Mitigation Measures	• All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. • The HIA recommendations should be incorporated into the proposal and submission documentation, these must demonstrate how any harmful impacts on health and wellbeing have been mitigated and how positive impacts have been maximised. • An HIA report appropriate to the stage of the proposal will be required for full, outline and reserved matters applications as agreed with the Council. The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Climate Change, Design, the Natural Environment, Historic Environment, Economy, Town Centres and Infrastructure could also mitigate impacts.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is positive as the policy will ensure new development is designed to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places and spaces for all groups and ages that promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and well-being, and reduce health inequalities within the District.
Summary	Major Positive **SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure; SO13 Sustainable Travel & Accessibility; SO14 Housing; SO15 Health & Wellbeing and SO16 Quality of Life**

	• New development should be designed to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places that promote, support and enhance physical and mental health and well-being and therefore contribute to reducing health inequalities within the District. • Development must support and address the health and wellbeing needs in Wealden as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. • Proposals should include measures to provide high quality, well designed, safe and accessible developments for all age groups and abilities, creating a beautiful and healthy living environment and a distinctive place to live and / or work • All major development will be required to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. Minor Positive **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO3 Flood Risk; SO4 Water Resources and Quality; SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO7 Pollution; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural heritage; SO12 Digital Infrastructure; SO17 Social Deprivation; SO18 Economy & Employment; SO19 Town & Village Centre; SO20 Education & Skills** No Significant Effects: **SO6 Waste** Minor Negative Effects: None Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: None Overall, the policy is shown to have a minor positive effect, which is strengthened by the need for all major development to undertake an HIA screening or HIA. The policy has been informed by the following evidence – Public Health England (PHE) paper Spatial Planning for Health: An evidence resource for planning and designing healthier places 2017; East Sussex County Council Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Wealden District Profile.

SS10 Green Infrastructure

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVE		Effects				Policy No: SS10 Policy: Green Infrastructure
		S	M	L	Overall	Commentary
SO1	CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of Green Infrastructure (GI) across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Development proposals should incorporate measures for adapting to and mitigating against the effects of climate change through innovative green infrastructure design solutions that will complement the provision of sustainable drainage, the management of flood risk and urban cooling. • Where appropriate, opportunities for growing healthy food, including through allotments and other community schemes should be provided. • The impact is likely to be major positive as it is likely to provide a positive contribution to climate mitigation.
SO2	CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION					• Development proposals should incorporate measures for adapting to and mitigating against the effects of climate change through innovative green infrastructure design solutions that will complement the provision of sustainable drainage, the management of flood risk and urban cooling. • The impact is likely to be major positive as it is likely to provide a positive contribution to climate mitigation.
SO3	FLOOD RISK					• Development proposals should incorporate measures for adapting to and mitigating against the effects of climate change through innovative green infrastructure design solutions that will complement the provision of sustainable drainage, the management of flood risk and urban cooling. • The impact is likely to be major positive as it is likely to provide a positive contribution to flood risk.
SO4	WATER RESOURCES & QUALITY					• The impact is likely to be uncertain as the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources or provide the necessary infrastructure for development.
SO5	SOIL, LAND & MINERALS					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change.

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						• The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO6	WASTE					• No significant impact.
SO7	POLLUTION					• GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Development proposals should incorporate measures for adapting to and mitigating against the effects of climate change through innovative green infrastructure design solutions that will complement the provision of sustainable drainage, the management of flood risk and urban cooling. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO8	GREEN & BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Development proposals should incorporate measures for adapting to and mitigating against the effects of climate change through innovative green infrastructure design solutions that will complement the provision of sustainable drainage, the management of flood risk and urban cooling. • Proposals should include measures for the management and maintenance of GI and comply with any GU standards. • Development should be designed to respond to the location of existing green infrastructure and support and improve its functions and benefits; protect and improve the green infrastructure network through enhancement and/or regeneration; and provide new green infrastructure and / or introduce multifunctional uses, green links and corridors. • Proposals should support the delivery of the Council's GI Strategy. • The impact is major positive as it is likely to provide a positive contribution to green and blue infrastructure.
SO9	BIODIVERSITY					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change.

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						• Proposals should protect, retain, enhance, create and regenerate green corridors and links that contribute to the network, in particular, supporting ecological connectivity for wildlife between the development, town and village centres and the wider countryside. • Opportunities to enhance ecosystem services should be maximised and any green infrastructure deficiencies in the area addressed. Proposals should not cause harm to wildlife or habitats. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as development which provides GI may also add biodiversity value, although this is not necessarily the case.
SO10	LANDSCAPE & TOWNSCAPE					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place. Proposals should secure improved access to green infrastructure for residents of all ages and abilities. This may include improving rights of way, walking and cycle routes and networks and providing informal access, where this will not cause harm to biodiversity, landscape or heritage assets. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as GI is likely to have a positive impact upon landscape and townscape.
SO11	HISTORIC & CULTURAL HERITAGE					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place. Proposals should secure improved access to green infrastructure for residents of all ages and abilities. This may include improving rights of way, walking and cycle routes and networks and providing informal access, where this will not cause harm to biodiversity, landscape or heritage assets. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as GI is likely to have a positive impact upon historic and cultural heritage.
SO12	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE					• No significant impact.
SO13	SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ACCESSIBILITY					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will

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						• play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place. Proposals should secure improved access to green infrastructure for residents of all ages and abilities. This may include improving rights of way, walking and cycle routes and networks and providing informal access, where this will not cause harm to biodiversity, landscape or heritage assets. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as GI is likely to have a positive impact for sustainable travel and accessibility.
SO14	HOUSING					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place. Proposals should secure improved access to green infrastructure for residents of all ages and abilities. This may include improving rights of way, walking and cycle routes and networks and providing informal access, where this will not cause harm to biodiversity, landscape or heritage assets. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO15	HEALTH & WELLBEING					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Opportunities should be maximised to provide multi-functional benefits including providing opportunities for people to interact with nature and encourage recreation, sports and healthier lifestyles, ensuring that opportunities will not cause harm to wildlife and habitats. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO16	QUALITY OF LIFE & PLACE					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place.

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						• The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO17	SOCIAL DEPRIVATION					• Proposals should maximise opportunities to provide multi-functional benefits including providing opportunities for people to interact with nature and encourage recreation, sports and healthier lifestyles, ensuring that opportunities will not cause harm to wildlife and habitats. • Improved access to green infrastructure should be secured for residents of all ages and abilities. • Incorporate green infrastructure to support economic growth and sustainable tourism. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO18	ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT					• Proposals should maximise opportunities to provide multi-functional benefits including providing opportunities for people to interact with nature and encourage recreation, sports and healthier lifestyles, ensuring that opportunities will not cause harm to wildlife and habitats. • Improved access to green infrastructure should be secured for residents of all ages and abilities. • Incorporate green infrastructure to support economic growth and sustainable tourism. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO19	TOWN & VILLAGE CENTRES					• Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change. • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place. • The impact is likely to be minor positive.
SO20	EDUCATION & SKILLS					• Where appropriate, opportunities should be provided for growing healthy food, including through allotments and other community schemes. • Green infrastructure should be incorporated to support economic growth and sustainable tourism. Development should include proposals to manage and maintain the provision of green infrastructure. • The impact is likely to be minor positive as the provision of GI could provide opportunities for learning and the development of new skills.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Policy No: SS10				Policy: Green Infrastructure															
SA EFFECTS	SO1 Climate Change Mitigation	SO2 Climate Change Adaptation	SO3 Flood Risk	SO4 Water resources/Quality	SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals	SO6 Waste	SO7 Pollution	SO8 Green & Blue Infrastructure	SO9 Biodiversity	SO10 Landscape & Townscape	SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage	SO12 Digital Infrastructure	SO13 Travel & Accessibility	SO14 Housing	SO15 Health & Wellbeing	SO16 Quality of Life & Place	SO17 Social Deprivation	SO18 Economy & Employment	SO19 Town & Village Centres	SO20 Education & Skills
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COMMENTARY:	
Duration/Reversibility	The majority of impacts will have a minor positive impact for the duration of the plan as the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure can have multiple benefits.
Mitigation Measures	The implementation of specific Local Plan policies in relation to Climate Change, Design, the Natural Environment, Historic Environment, Economy, Town Centres and Infrastructure could also mitigate impacts.
Cumulative Impacts	The cumulative impact is positive, as the delivery of green infrastructure will have a positive impact on the majority of sustainability objectives. The impact upon water resources and quality has not been considered and could have a positive impact if the policy is strengthened to reflect potential impacts.
Summary	Major Positive **SO1 Climate Change Mitigation; SO2 Climate Change Adaptation; SO3 Flood Risk and SO8 G&B Infrastructure;** • Where relevant, all development should protect, improve and enhance existing green infrastructure and, where opportunities exist, create additional green infrastructure that will play a meaningful role in the creation of a multi-functional and accessible network of GI across the district. GI should be designed to provide benefits for the environment and people, supporting health and well-being and contributing to the response to climate change.

	• Development proposals should incorporate measures for adapting to and mitigating against the effects of climate change through innovative green infrastructure design solutions that will complement the provision of sustainable drainage, the management of flood risk and urban cooling. • Proposals should include measures for the management and maintenance of GI and comply with any GI standards. • Development should be designed to respond to the location of existing green infrastructure and support and improve its functions and benefits; protect and improve the green infrastructure network through enhancement and/or regeneration; and provide new green infrastructure and / or introduce multifunctional uses, green links and corridors. • Proposals should support the delivery of the Council's GI Strategy. Minor Positive **SO5 Soil, Land & Minerals; SO7 Pollution; SO9 Biodiversity; SO10 Landscape & Townscape; SO11 Historic & Cultural Heritage; SO13 Travel & Accessibility; SO14 Housing; SO15 Health & Wellbeing; SO16 Quality of Life & Place; SO17 Social Deprivation; SO18 Economy & Employment; SO19 Town & Village Centre and SO20 Education & Skills** • Green infrastructure should be embedded into the design and layout of the proposal taking into account locally distinctive character and creating a sense of place. • Proposals should secure improved access to green infrastructure for residents of all ages and abilities. This may include improving rights of way, walking and cycle routes and networks and providing informal access, where this will not cause harm to biodiversity, landscape or heritage assets. • Improved access to green infrastructure should be secured for residents of all ages and abilities. • Green infrastructure should be incorporated to support economic growth and sustainable tourism. • Opportunities should be maximised to provide multi-functional benefits including providing opportunities for people to interact with nature and encourage recreation, sports and healthier lifestyles, ensuring that opportunities will not cause harm to wildlife and habitats. No Significant Effects: **SO6 Waste; SO12 Digital Infrastructure** Minor Negative Effects: None Major Negative Effects: None Uncertain: **SO4 Water Resources and Quality** the policy does not refer to the need to protect water resources or provide the necessary infrastructure for development. Overall, the policy is shown to have a minor positive effect for the duration of the plan as the creation and enhancement of green infrastructure can have multiple benefits. The policy has been informed by the Council's Green Infrastructure Study 2017. The GI Study will be updated to inform the Regulation 19 Stage of the Local Plan and ensure that legislative changes have been taken into account, including: Environment Act 2021, National Policy and Guidance; and Natural England's' Green Infrastructure Framework.