



EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Local Development Plan 2

Environmental Report

2024

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Vision & Aims

Vision Statement: *East Ayrshire will be a net zero place with a thriving and diverse environment. We will have strong, healthy and resilient communities that benefit from high quality places, multi-functional green spaces and access to high quality services that are well located to maximise sustainable travel choices. Our economy will have recovered and be fairer, greener and more inclusive, with all East Ayrshire citizens able to benefit from greater economic opportunities*

Environmental Topics	Will there be an environmental impact?	Significant Impact (Y/N/Unsure) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (Y/N)? Why?
Natural Features	The visions statement itself is not likely to have an environmental impact as it is a future aspiration that cannot be achieved without the implementation of the Plan's aims, strategy, policies and proposals.	No. The vision is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	As outlined above.

Aim 1: Reduce the effects of climate change and contribute to net zero targets.

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 1 is likely to have environmental impacts as it is aimed at ensuring the Plan as a whole is geared towards lowering carbon emissions and contributing to climate change targets. As a result, the strategy, policies and proposals of the plan must be framed towards delivering a sustainable and low carbon approach to development. This aim is likely to have significant environmental impacts on climate. However, it is noted that the limitation of this aim is its aspirational nature. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive through the promotion of green spaces and reduction of GHG emissions.	Yes. Aim 1 is likely to have cumulative significant positive impacts on the environment, with regards to climate, air quality and human health.
Natural Resources	As outlined above. This aim is likely to have significant environmental impacts on all natural resource receptors: soil, air quality and the water environment, by focusing on climate change adaption and reducing man-made effects and impacts. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive.	Yes: Aim will have a significant positive impact. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above. The presumption is that this aim will have significant positive impacts on the historic environment, directing development to sustainable and central locations which could result in the renovation and improvement of the historic environment (listed buildings and conservation areas). In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive.	Yes: Aim will have a significant positive impact. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above. The presumption is that this overarching aim will increase the resilience of the built environment and its communities, which will in turn have a significant environmental impact on human health,	Yes: Aim will have a significant positive impact. As outlined above.

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	population and improve material assets. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive.	
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Aim 2: Create good quality and accessible places, which support the health and wellbeing of all our citizens

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 2 is likely to have significant positive environmental impacts in relation to landscape as it seeks to create attractive, good quality and accessible environments which support the health and wellbeing off all citizens. By ensuring that the principles of sustainability and high quality design are employed, it is likely that there will be significant positive environmental impacts on landscape and biodiversity as new developments should be located in sustainable locations where the landscape has the capacity for it. Impacts on climatic factors are uncertain. However, it is noted that this is an overarching aim, and on its own is unlikely to have any environmental impacts on natural features as it is reliant on the implementation of LDP2 policy.	Yes: Aim 2 is likely to have significant environmental impacts in relation to all environmental topics as it seeks to create good quality and accessible environments for both existing and future residents. However, it is noted that this is a high level policy aim and therefore this aim alone may not have any environmental impacts on natural features as it is reliant on the implementation of further policies.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, it is presumed that sites are likely to be selected which are not anticipated to have a significantly negative environmental impact on soil and the water environment.	Yes: Aim 2 is likely to have significant environmental impacts. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, there are likely to be significant positive environmental impacts as a result of adhering to the principles of sustainability, good quality design and placemaking	Yes: Aim 2 is likely to have significant environmental impacts. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	Yes: Aim 2 is likely to have significant environmental impacts. As outlined above.

Aim 3: Stabilise East Ayrshire's population and stimulate population growth

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 3 may have an environmental impact on natural features despite its very high level nature. On the ground implications of this aim are reflected within the Plans housing allocation sites, housing land requirement etc. However, these impacts cannot be achieved without the implementation of the strategy, policies and proposals of the Plan, across a range of topic areas. As a precaution, impacts are screened into stage 2 for further consideration, but are likely to be unknown, given the site specific context. Significant impacts in terms of climate and material assets are more likely to be	Yes. Aim 3 is likely to have environmental impacts, however, the significance of which are unknown and should be considered further within Stage 2.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Yes, as outlined above.

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Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the historic environment.	Yes, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment.	Yes, as outlined above.

Aim 4: Secure the provision of good quality housing to meet a wide range of needs, across all of East Ayrshire		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 4 is likely to have environmental impacts as it is aimed at ensuring the Plan as a whole is geared towards lowering carbon emissions and contributing to climate change targets. As a result, the strategy, policies and proposals of the plan must be framed towards delivering a sustainable and low carbon approach to development and housing with multi-functional green spaces incorporated, thus having what will be presumed as positive impacts. This aim is likely to have significant environmental impacts on climate. However, it is noted that the limitation of this aim is its aspirational nature. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive through the promotion of green spaces and reduction of GHG emissions.	Yes. Aim 4 is likely to have cumulative significant positive impacts on the environment, with regards to climate, air quality and human health.
Natural Resources	As outlined above. This aim is likely to have significant environmental impacts on all natural resource receptors: soil, air quality and the water environment, by focusing on climate change adaption and reducing man-made effects and impacts. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive.	Yes: Aim will have a significant positive impact. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above. The presumption is that this aim may have significant impacts on the historic environment, however, the exact outcome of these impacts are uncertain at this stage. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive.	Yes: Aim may have significant positive impact. This should be considered further at stage 2 assessment.
Social Environment	As outlined above. The presumption is that this overarching aim will increase the resilience of the built environment and its communities meeting a range of needs, which will in turn have a significant environmental impact on human health, population and improve material assets. In overall terms, impacts presumed to be positive as a result.	Yes: Aim will have a significant positive impact. As outlined above.

Aim 5: Deliver new and improved infrastructure, including green and digital infrastructure, to assist in access to employment opportunities		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 5 is likely to have an environmental impact on natural features as it seeks to ensure that settlements and places within East Ayrshire are of a high-quality and host the appropriate level of infrastructure and where possible make improvements to the infrastructure	Yes. It is likely to have an environmental impact as a result of cumulative improvements made to infrastructure. Infrastructure improvements could result in new development being more sustainable

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	<p>available to local people. This could have an environmental impact on the landscape character of certain locations. This could also result in the loss or fragmentation of important sites for biodiversity, flora and fauna. In terms of climatic factors, the assumption of this aim is that it could have both positive and negative impacts in terms of greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants. However, it is noted that the limitation of this aim is its aspirational nature. A policy framework will need to be contained within LDP2 to support its intended outcomes. LDP2 will also be required to outline specified improvements to key infrastructure locations such as the Bellfield Interchange at Kilmarnock.</p>	<p>in locations within which it was not before, increasing the environmental and locational spread of future impacts.</p>
<p>Natural Resources</p>	<p>Aim 5 is likely to have an environmental impact on natural resources as it seeks to ensure that settlements and places within East Ayrshire are of a high-quality and host the appropriate level of infrastructure and where possible make improvements to the infrastructure available to local people. Any infrastructure improvements could have an environmental impact on soil through the loss of prime quality agricultural land, carbon rich soils and peatland (Class 1, 2 or 5) or intermediate and raised bogs. Infrastructure improvements may also enhance or exacerbate fluvial and surface water flooding, depending on the locations. This aim will also likely have a significant impact on air quality.</p>	<p>Yes. It is likely to have an environmental impact as a result of cumulative improvements made to infrastructure. Infrastructure improvements could result in new development being more sustainable in locations within which it was not before, increasing the environmental and locational spread of future impacts.</p>
<p>Historic Environment</p>	<p>It is unlikely to that there will be impacts on the historic environment as Aim 5 is an overarching “objective” which seeks to improve infrastructure, which will not necessarily result in alteration to the historic environment and the LDP2 will contain specific policies to protect the historic environment. However, this should be screened in for further consideration as the above is an assumption. In overall terms, impacts on the historic environment are unknown.</p>	<p>Yes. Aim 5 may have significant impacts on the historic environment. This should be considered further at stage 2 assessment.</p>
<p>Social Environment</p>	<p>Aim 5 is presumed to have a positive impact in terms of social environment as it seeks to improve the infrastructure and services available to residents and visitors in order to create a good quality place. This will therefore enhance accessibility and integration of transport networks. As such, this will have an impact on the social environment. This should be further considered in terms of human health, population and material assets at Stage 2 Assessment.</p>	<p>Yes. Aim 5 is likely to have positive impacts on human health and population. Although it is unlikely that these will be Yes. Aim 5 is likely to have positive impacts on human health and population. Although it is unlikely that these will be significant, as the objective is aimed at improve infrastructure and is ultimately dependent on the implementation of other policies within LDP2, this should be further considered within Stage 2 Assessment. There may be cumulative impacts on the social environment, as the objective is aimed at improve infrastructure and is ultimately dependent on the implementation of other policies within LDP2, this should be further considered within Stage 2 Assessment. There may be</p>

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		cumulative impacts on the social environment.
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Aim 6: Deliver economic recovery and growth in a sustainable and inclusive manner and ensure there is access to employment opportunities

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Planning for economic growth could have an environmental impact on natural features as a result of increasing the population, business development and investment in East Ayrshire. However, this aim is also overarching in nature with no "on-the-ground" implications which can be derived as a result. The broad and overarching nature of this aim is a significant limitation and limits its environmental assessment implications. As such, it is screened out at Stage 1 Assessment.	No. It is difficult to assess of this Aim will have a significant impact as it is quite a broad objective and is dependent on other parts and aspects of the plan being implemented (i.e. Ayrshire Growth Deal, Industry and Business allocations, Bellfield Interchange improvements and allocations as well as town centre policies). As the Aim requires other policies to implement it, it is unlikely that it will have significant impacts on its own. As such, it is screened out at Stage 1 Assessment.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	No, as outlined above.

Aim 7: Protect, enhance and capitalise on East Ayrshire's historic environment and cultural assets

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 7 may have an environmental impact on natural features despite its very high level nature. Implications of this aim are reflected within the Plans policies. As a precaution, impacts are screened into stage 2 for further consideration, but are likely to be unknown, given the site specific context. Significant impacts in terms of climate and material assets are more likely to be	Yes. Aim 7 is likely to have environmental impacts, however, the significance of which are unknown and should be considered further within Stage 2.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Yes, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this aim is likely to have significant impacts on the historic environment. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature. Although, it's possible that negative impacts may be experienced too.	Yes, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment.	Yes, as outlined above.

Aim 8: Protect and enhance East Ayrshire's diverse natural environment and habitats and help tackle the nature crisis

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural features as a result of	Yes. Aim 8 is likely to have significant positive impacts on the natural

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	protecting and enhancing the natural environment. It is noted that Aim 8 will ultimately lead to policies being developed and implemented that seek to ensure that the LDP will protect and enhance the natural environment. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature.	environment through individual and cumulative means. More specific assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, there are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural resources as a result of protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Further assessment of the precise environmental impacts is required at Stage 2 Assessment. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature.	Yes. As outlined above. There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural resources. More specific assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this aim is likely to have significant impacts on the historic environment. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature. Although, it's possible that negative impacts may be experienced too.	Yes, as outlined above.
Social Environment	There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on the social environment through the implementation of Aim 8, as natural landscapes and access to nature is proven to improve the social landscape and psychological health of individuals, and as such, communities. However, the exact environmental impacts are uncertain. The social environment has been screened into Stage 2 assessment as a precaution.	The environmental impacts of this aim are uncertain. More specific and detailed assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.

Aim 9: Increase tourism opportunities, in particular those that protect, enhance and increase understand of East Ayrshire's rich biodiversity, landscape, history and cultural heritage

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 9 has the potential to have significant environmental impacts as attracting visitors to East Ayrshire's tourism attractions and encouraging the development of new tourism opportunities could exacerbate or create new environmental issues. There is a presumption that this would have a significant negative environmental impact on landscape character and biodiversity, flora and fauna. This option will undoubtedly have impacts on climatic factors, however, further assessment is required at Stage 2 to determine this. Above is based on assumptions, impacts are largely unknown.	Yes. Attracting tourists to East Ayrshire could potentially have significant impacts on natural features, both individual and cumulatively. This is dependent on the location, type, function and scale of the attraction. There could also be significant environmental impacts as a result of new tourism development.
Natural Resources	Aim 9 has the potential to have significant environmental impacts, as attracting visitors to East Ayrshire's tourism attractions and encouraging the development of new tourism opportunities could exacerbate or create new environmental issues. There is a presumption that this would have a significant negative environmental impact on soil and air quality. Further assessment of the precise environmental impacts are required at Stage 2 Assessment. Above is based on assumptions, impacts are largely unknown.	Yes, there is likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural resources.

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Historic Environment	The environmental impacts that this aim will have on the historic environment are uncertain. As such, as a precaution, these have been screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration.	The environmental impacts that this aim will have on the historic environment are uncertain. As such, as a precaution, these have been Screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration.
Social Environment	The environmental impacts that this aim will have on the social environment are uncertain. As such, as a precaution, these have been screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration.	Uncertain, as outlined above. As such, as a precaution, these have been Screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration.

Aim 10: Recognise the changing face of retail whilst promoting our town centres as places where all members of the community can meet, work or be entertained

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Aim 10 is likely to lead to the development of strategies and actions which are tailored towards encouraging development within town centres and promoting regeneration; the objective on its own is unlikely to have any environmental impacts as it is strategic and procedural in nature. The significance of the environmental impacts that this will have on natural features are largely uncertain. However, there is a presumption that this may have a significant positive impact on climatic factors through the promoted use of public transport networks into town centres. Impacts are largely unknown.	It is not considered that Aim 10 is likely to have significant environmental impacts on its own. However, this option is Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration.
Natural Resources	As outlined above. The environmental impacts that this option will have on natural resources are uncertain given the urban nature of town centres. As a precaution these have been screened into Stage 2 assessment for further consideration. Impacts are largely unknown.	The environmental impacts of this aim are uncertain. Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration. Impacts are largely unknown.
Historic Environment	The environmental impacts that this aim will have on the historic environment are uncertain. As such, as a precaution, these have been screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration. Impacts are largely unknown.	The environmental impacts that this aim will have on the historic environment are uncertain. Screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration. Impacts are largely unknown.
Social Environment	The environmental impacts that this aim will have on the social environment are uncertain. As such, as a precaution, these have been screened into Stage 2 Assessment for further consideration. Impacts are largely unknown.	The environmental impacts of this aim are uncertain. Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration. Impacts are largely unknown.

Aim 11: Safeguard workable resources of economic or conservation value

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This Aim is concerned with safeguarding workable resources in East Ayrshire. The aim itself is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts.	No. The vision is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact. It will lead to the creation of a robust policy framework to protect the area's resources.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	As outlined above.

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Historic Environment	As outlined above.	As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	As outlined above.

Spatial Strategy

Policy SS1: Climate Change		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural features because the policy strives for development proposals, where possible, to minimise carbon emissions, maximise carbon storage and sequestration, mitigate the impacts of climate change, including through the delivery of net zero and low carbon infrastructure, and be designed to be adaptable to the future impacts of climate change.	Yes. There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural features. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural resources as the policy strives for development proposals, where possible, to minimise carbon emissions, maximise carbon storage and sequestration, mitigate the impacts of climate change, including through the delivery of net zero and low carbon infrastructure, and be designed to be adaptable to the future impacts of climate change.	Yes. A Stage 2 assessment will be required. There are likely to be significant cumulative impacts on natural resources dependent on the location and type of development.
Historic Environment	The significant environmental impacts of this policy on the historic environment are uncertain. This should be further considered during Stage 2 assessment process.	Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration.
Social Environment	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment. Environmental impacts on human health, material assets and population are anticipated to be positive in nature.	Yes. This objective is likely to have cumulative significant positive impacts on the environment. More specific and detailed assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.

Policy SS2: Overarching Policy		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	As the overarching policy is applicable to all development proposals, it is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on natural features. There is also potential for the implementation of the policy to have cumulative impacts as it sets a precedent for sustainable, accessible development.
Natural Resources	As above.	Yes. As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	Yes. As above.
Social Environment	As above.	Yes. As above.

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Policy SS3: Central Scotland Green Network		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The implementation of policy SS3: CSGN is likely to have significant impacts on all natural features. It is presumed that the enhancement of the green and blue network will have significant positive impacts on landscape, biodiversity and climatic factors. This should be assessed in more detail at Stage 2.	Yes. The implementation of policy SS3: CSGN is likely to have significant impacts on all natural features.
Natural Resources	As outlined above with regards to natural resources: soil, air and the water environment.	Yes. As above.
Historic Environment	The implementation of policy SS3: CSGN is unlikely to have significant impacts on the historic environment.	No. Screened out at Stage 1 assessment.
Social Environment	The implementation of policy SS3: CSGN is likely to have significant impacts on certain social environment components, most likely human health and material assets. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. The implementation of policy SS3: CSGN is likely to have significant impacts on the social environment. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.

Policy SS4: Development of Vacant and Derelict Land		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy supports the re-use and redevelopment of sites which are on the vacant and derelict land survey, as well as sites within the settlement boundary. This is likely to have significant impacts, most notably on landscape. It is anticipated that these impacts will be significant positive in nature, subject to site specific contexts. The policy requires the biodiversity value of the land to be considered, as such impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna could be anticipated, although uncertain.	Yes. Impacts are anticipated on landscape. There is potential for the policy to have an impact on biodiversity, flora and fauna as well as climatic factors. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2.
Natural Resources	As outlined above. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on soil quality as it promotes the re-use and redevelopment of vacant and derelict sites, some of which are likely to be contaminated. Impacts on soil are therefore anticipated to be significant positive. There may also be impacts on air quality and the water environment. These should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. Significant impacts are anticipated for natural resources. These impacts should be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.
Historic Environment	The impacts of the implementation of this policy on the historic environment are uncertain, as this depends on the site specific context of any site/proposal. As such, impacts should be considered to be uncertain.	Unsure. Impacts on the historic environment should be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.
Social Environment	As the policy supports the re-use and redevelopment of sites which are on the vacant and derelict land survey, as well as	Yes. Significant impacts are anticipated for the social environment.

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	sites within the settlement boundary, it is likely to have significant impacts in terms of population and material assets. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive and/or significant positive/negative in nature.	These impacts should be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.
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Policy SS5: Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy will support the overall aims of and project delivery of the Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership and ensure it is considered in the assessment of development proposals. As one of the 5 aims is to conserve and enhance natural heritage it is considered that the policy will have a positive impact on natural features, particularly landscape and biodiversity, that may otherwise have been compromised.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on natural features.
Natural Resources	The policy will support the overall aims of and project delivery of the Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership and ensure it is considered in the assessment of development proposals. The CCLP will take forward projects that will have a positive impact on natural resources, water, soil and air quality, with particular relevance to important peatland soils. This policy will support and safeguard such projects, so is considered to have a positive environmental impact.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts in terms of natural resources, particularly with regards to soil.
Historic Environment	The policy will support the overall aims of and project delivery of the Coalfield Communities Landscape Partnership (CCLP) and will ensure it is considered in the determination of relevant planning application. The CCLP aims to conserve and enhance parts of the historic environment and the projects, supported by this policy, will help to deliver this. In particular, the CCLP aim to bring improvements to the Waterside Conservation Area and Dunaskin scheduled monument of huge importance to the industrial heritage of East Ayrshire.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on historic environment features.
Social Environment	The policy will support the overall aims of and project delivery of the CCLP and will ensure it is considered in the determination of planning applications. Under the CCLP projects will be undertaken that provide opportunities for the recreational use of the landscape, which if properly supported, could have a significant impact on the human health and population.	Yes. The policy could have significant impacts on the social environment.

Policy SS6: Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is one of support for developments and proposals that support the aims of the biosphere.	No. Although there could be environmental impacts

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	The policy can only be implemented where development proposals comply with other LDP proposals. There will be no significant environmental impacts associated with this policy in terms of natural features. The policy recognises the three distinct zones of the UNESCO biosphere and as such limits the potential detrimental impact on the landscape character of this location.	associated with development within the UNESCO Biosphere, the purpose of this policy is to limit any potentially detrimental impacts on this landscape asset, any impacts should therefore not be significant.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

PROP1: South Central Kilmarnock		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Any solutions that are identified through PROP1 during the LDP2 period will influence LDP3, but no significant environmental impacts are expected through this proposal during the LDP2 period on natural features.	No. This proposal is not anticipated to have any significant environmental impacts cumulative impacts during this Plan period.
Natural Resources	As above for natural resources.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above for historic environment.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As above for social environment.	No. As outlined above.

SS7: Development in South Central Kilmarnock		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy supports the implementation of the Development Framework for Kilmarnock Town Centre + South Central Kilmarnock. The policy also places requirements on the design of new built form within the South Central Kilmarnock area; this is unlikely to have significant impacts on natural features.	No. This policy is not anticipated to have significant environmental impacts on natural features.
Natural Resources	The policy also places requirements on the design of new built form within the South Central Kilmarnock area; this is likely to have impacts on the water environment as much of the area is subject to significant flood risk. There is a presumption that this impact will be significant negative in nature.	Yes. This policy is anticipated to have significant environmental impacts on the water environment.
Historic Environment	This policy seeks to support and facilitate the redevelopment of land within South Central Kilmarnock. The policy places requirements on the design of new built form within the South Central Kilmarnock area; this may have an impact on the Historic Environment, specifically on Listed Buildings and Archaeological Sites. There is a presumption that these impacts will be both positive and negative in nature. There are no Gardens and	Yes. This policy could have a significant impact on the historic environment in terms of listed buildings and archaeological sites.

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	Designed Landscapes, Scheduled Monuments, Conservation Areas or Historic Battlefields within the area and as such this policy is unlikely to have a significant impact on them. These should be screened out.	
Social Environment	The policy also places requirements on the design of new built form within the South Central Kilmarnock area; this is likely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment, most notably population and material assets. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive and positive/negative in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. This policy is anticipated to have a significant impact on the social environment, most notably material assets. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

Policy SS8: Ayrshire Growth Deal		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy itself is not likely to have an environmental impact on natural features, as it is a policy which offers “overarching” support for development proposals which contribute to the vision, aims and projects of the Ayrshire Growth Deal. Development proposals themselves are likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features, however, these will be site specific and as such exact impacts are hard to determine at this stage of the assessment process.	No. This policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	No.

Policy SS9: Community Wealth Building		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy supports, in principle, the use and adaptation of existing buildings and vacant sites within settlement boundaries. The policy itself is therefore likely to have a positive environmental impact as it promotes the re-use of previously developed land and buildings for uses that will benefit local communities, however, these impacts are not likely to be significant in nature and are unlikely to impact on landscape, geology, biodiversity or climate.	No. The policy itself is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on natural features, although it promotes the reuse of existing buildings.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources. Any environmental impacts are not likely to be significant.	No. The policy itself is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on natural resources.

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Historic Environment	The policy supports, in principle, the use and adaptation of existing buildings and vacant sites within settlement boundaries. The policy itself is therefore likely to have a positive environmental impact as it promotes the re-use of previously developed land and buildings (potential for some to be listed or located within Conservation Areas) that will benefit local communities, however, these impacts are not likely to be significant in nature. The policy does not specify particular locations or projects.	No. The policy itself is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on the historic environment.
Social Environment	The policy supports, in principle, the use and adaptation of existing buildings and vacant sites within settlement boundaries. The policy itself is therefore likely to have a positive environmental impact as it promotes the re-use of previously developed land and buildings that will benefit local communities, however, these impacts are not likely to be significant in nature. The policy does not specify particular locations or projects.	No. The policy itself is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on social environment.

Policy SS10: Skills and Employment		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy itself will not have an environmental impact as it is purely procedural in nature and requires specific development proposals to be accompanied by a skills and employment plan.	No. The policy itself is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact given its procedural nature.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.

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PROP2: Park and Ride at West Fenwick		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	There are likely to be environmental impacts as result of developing on this site in terms of landscape, biodiversity, climatic, soil and air factors. There is a presumption that these impacts will be negative in nature. This should be considered in further detail at stage 2 assessment.	Yes. There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural features. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	There are likely to be environmental impacts as result of developing on this site in terms of soil, air quality. However, impacts on the water environment are not anticipated. There is a presumption that impacts will be both positive and negative in nature. This should be considered in further detail at stage 2 assessment.	Yes. There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on certain natural resources (soil and air). This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Historic Environment	No environmental impacts on the historic environment are anticipated for this site.	No. There are unlikely to be significant environmental impacts on this historic environment, nor are there likely to be cumulative or synergistic impacts.
Social Environment	There are likely to be environmental impacts as result of developing on this site in terms of human health, population and material assets. There is a presumption that these will be both positive and negative in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. There are likely to be environmental impacts on the social environment. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.

PROP4: Improvements to Bellfield Interchange and East		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	While improvements to the Bellfield Interchange would have significant environmental impacts, this proposal is procedural in nature. As such, it is not going to have significant environmental impacts.	No. This proposal is procedural and will not have significant environmental impacts in itself.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.

PROP5: Our Energy Masterplan		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?

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Natural Features	No significant impacts anticipated. The Proposal simply commits the Council to carrying out a further piece of work. The proposal contains no detail on what this would comprise of and no detail to be able to assess. The proposal, in itself will not therefore have an environmental impact on natural features. It may be that the masterplan itself, will be subject to a separate assessment when it is being prepared.	No. No significant direct impacts are likely as a result of implementing this policy.
Natural Resources	The above commentary is applicable to natural resources.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	The above commentary is applicable to the historic environment.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	The above commentary is applicable to the social environment.	No. As outlined above.

PROP6: Our Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	No significant impacts anticipated. The Proposal simply commits the Council to carrying out a further piece of work. The proposal to produce a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy contains no detail on what this would comprise of and no detail therefore to be able to assess. The proposal, in itself will not have an environmental impact on natural features. It may be that the strategy itself, will be subject to a separate assessment when it is being prepared.	No. No significant direct impacts are likely as a result of implementing this policy.
Natural Resources	The above commentary is applicable to natural resources.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	The above commentary is applicable to the historic environment.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	The above commentary is applicable to the social environment.	No. As outlined above.

PROP7: Play Sufficiency Assessment

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	No significant impacts anticipated. The Proposal simply commits the Council to carrying out a further piece of work. The Play Sufficiency Assessment will provide an evidence base for LDP3.	No. No significant direct impacts are likely as a result of implementing this policy.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to Natural Resources.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the historic environment.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment.	No. As outlined above.

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SS11: Making Space in Settlements for Green Energy		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural features because the policy supports development proposals for renewable energy or renewable heat developments to be located within settlement boundaries, including the use of green and blue spaces as heat sources, storage sites and transmission corridors. The use of sites on the vacant and derelict land register or other brownfield sites for such purposes is also supported.	Yes. There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural features. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural resources because the policy supports development proposals for renewable energy or renewable heat developments to be located within settlement boundaries, including the use of green and blue spaces as heat sources, storage sites and transmission corridors. The use of sites on the vacant and derelict land register or other brownfield sites for such purposes is also supported.	Yes. A Stage 2 assessment will be required. There are likely to be significant cumulative impacts on natural resources dependent on the location and type of development.
Historic Environment	The significant environmental impacts of this policy on the historic environment are uncertain. This should be further considered during Stage 2 assessment process.	Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration.
Social Environment	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment. Environmental impacts on human health, material assets and population are anticipated to be positive in nature.	Yes. This objective is likely to have cumulative significant positive impacts on the environment dependent on the location and type of development. More specific and detailed assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.

SS12: Woodland Creation		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Yes. The policy is likely to have environmental impacts in terms of natural features as it promotes the creation of new woodland within the Strategic Woodland Creation Pilot area. Environmental impacts are anticipated in relation to landscape and biodiversity, these are likely to be positive.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape, as it promotes the creation of new woodland within the Strategic Woodland Creation Pilot area.
Natural Resources	Yes. The policy is likely to have environmental impacts in terms of natural resources as it promotes the creation of new strategic areas of woodland.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	There is potential for this policy to have impacts on the historic environment, however, this is dependent on the location. Significant environmental impacts are therefore unknown.	Unknown. There is potential for this policy to have significant impacts on the historic environment. Further consideration required at Stage 2 assessment.

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	Further consideration required at Stage 2 Assessment.	
Social Environment	This policy is likely to have environmental impacts on the social environment, as it promotes the creation of new areas strategic woodland.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment, as it promotes the creation of new woodland.

Place & Environment – Urban Design and Placemaking

Policy DES1: Development Design		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	By promoting and seeking excellence in the design and siting of development to in order meet the 6 requirements of successful places (distinctive, safe and pleasant, easy to move around, welcoming, adaptable and resource efficient) this policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on landscape and biodiversity, flora and fauna. By seeking designs that encourage active travel and minimisation of emissions and diminish reliance on private cars, this policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on climate. It is unlikely that the policy has environmental impacts on geology.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts.
Natural Resources	The policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts soil as it is focused on the design of the built environment. However, environmental impacts in terms of air quality are anticipated. This should be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts. Further consideration required.
Historic Environment	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts on the historic environment as it is focused on the design of the built environment, a substantial part of which is designated as Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Gardens and Designed Landscapes, and Scheduled Monuments. The policy is unlikely to have environmental impact on Archaeological Sites/Areas and Historic Battlefields. Environmental impacts on these environmental receptors should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts. Further consideration required.
Social Environment	By promoting design that is attractive, safe and pleasant, and encouraging an active lifestyle, the policy is likely to have environmental impacts on population and health. By promoting resource efficient design, the policy is likely to have environmental impacts on material assets. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive and positive/negative in nature.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts. Further consideration required.

Policy LPP1: Preparation of Local Place Plans		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?

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Natural Features	Policy LPP1 by itself is not likely to have an environmental impact on natural features, as it is a policy that offers support for the preparation of Local Place Plans and their adoption as Supplementary Guidance where appropriate. Local Place Plans are likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features, however, these will be specific to each Local Place Plan and as such exact impacts are hard to determine at this stage of the assessment process. Environmental impacts of each Local Place Plan will be assessed before adoption on their own environmental impacts assessments.	No. Policy LPP1 by itself is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts.
Natural Resources	As above for Natural Resources.	No. As above.
Historic Environment	As above for the Historic Environment.	No. As above.
Social Environment	As above for the Social Environment.	No. As above.

Policy LPP2: Development within a Local Place Plan area

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Policy LPP2 requires that development proposals are compatible, and where possible deliver the projects identified in Local Place Plans. Therefore, where a Local Place Plan is in place, LPP2 is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features, by ensuring development aligns with the Local Place Plan; however, impacts will be specific to each Local Place Plan and as such exact impacts are unknown at this stage of the assessment process.	Yes. Although unknown at this stage, this policy could have significant environmental impacts.
Natural Resources	As above for Natural Resources.	Yes, as above.
Historic Environment	As above for the Historic Environment.	Yes, as above.
Social Environment	As above for the Social Environment.	Yes, as above.

Policy OS1: Green and Blue Infrastructure

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy seeks to ensure that developments adopt a design-led approach to development and integrate well-designed and multi-functional open spaces (Green and Blue Infrastructure) in a planned and effective manner. Its implementation is likely to have significant impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna as well as climate. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna as well as climate.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on soil as a result of this policy. However, the policy could have significant impacts on the water environment and air quality. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on certain natural resources.
Historic Environment	This policy is unlikely to have significant impacts on the historic environment. Screened out at Stage 1.	No significant impacts are anticipated. Screened out at Stage 1.
Social Environment	The policy sets a design-led requirement to green spaces, outlining the desired functions that these	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental

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	spaces should have (water management, habitat enhancement, open space etc.). As such, it is likely to have significant impacts in terms of material assets, human health and population. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive in nature.	impacts on the social environment which should be considered in more detailed at Stage 2 assessment.
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Policy OS2: Safeguarded Open Space		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy sets a presumption against development on safeguarded open space or development which will result in the loss of open spaces. Therefore there are likely to be environmental impacts on biodiversity, fauna and flora as climate. There is potential for the policy to have significant impacts on landscape character and biodiversity flora and fauna. There is potential for impacts to be experienced in terms of climate. This should be considered further at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on natural features which should be considered in more detailed at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on natural resources as the policy is aimed at protecting areas of open space.	No. Significant impacts on natural resources are not anticipated.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	The policy sets a presumption against development on safeguarded open space or development which will result in the loss of open spaces. As such, it is likely to have significant impacts in terms of material assets, human health and population.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment which should be considered in more detailed at Stage 2 assessment.

Policy PLAY1: Play Provision		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy encourages play provision within developments and seeks to ensure that residential developments which are required to provide recreational space through Schedule 8 provide spaces for formal, informal and incidental play. The policy outlines that these should be linked directly with other open spaces and play areas as well as integrating trees and forms of greenery. As such, the implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on biodiversity flora and fauna. Indirect impacts on climatic factors are anticipated. Impacts on landscape are likely to be neutral. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive in nature.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna as well as landscape.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on soil and air quality as a result of this policy. However, the policy could have significant impacts on the water environment. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on certain natural resources.

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Historic Environment	This policy is unlikely to have significant impacts on the historic environment. Screened out at Stage 1.	No significant impacts are anticipated. Screened out at Stage 1.
Social Environment	The policy encourages play provision within developments and seeks to ensure that residential developments which are required to provide recreational space through Schedule 8 provide spaces for formal, informal and incidental play. As such, it is likely to have significant impacts in terms of material assets, human health and population. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive in nature.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment which should be considered in more detailed at Stage 2 assessment.

Policy PLAY2: Loss of Play Equipment and Outdoor Sports Facilities

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy sets a precedent against the loss of play provision and outdoor sports facilities. The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant impacts on landscape, biodiversity flora and fauna and climate. Screened out.	No significant impacts are anticipated. Screened out at Stage 1
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	This policy is unlikely to have significant impacts on the historic environment. Screened out at Stage 1.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	The policy sets a precedent against the loss of play provision and outdoor sports facilities. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts in terms of material assets and human health. There is a presumption that these impacts are likely to be significant positive or neutral in nature. Impacts on human population are not anticipated.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment which should be considered in more detailed at Stage 2 assessment.

Place & Environment – Historic Environment

Policy HE1: Listed Buildings

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is solely concerned with the retention, preservation, re-use and adaption of listed buildings, therefore there are unlikely to be any environmental impacts on natural features.	No. Screened out.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No. Screened out.
Historic Environment	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts on listed buildings and buildings within conservation areas. There could be impacts on gardens and designed landscapes if a listed building is present within them, but it is unlikely to have environmental impacts on the rest of the historic environment.	Yes. The implementation of this policy could have significant environmental impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas and gardens and designed landscapes.

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Social Environment	The policy is solely concerned with the retention and preservation of listed buildings, therefore there are unlikely to be any environmental impacts on the social environment.	No. Screened out.
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Policy HE2: Conservation Areas

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is solely concerned with the protection of conservation areas, therefore there are unlikely to be any environmental impacts on natural features.	No. Screened out.
Natural Resources	The policy is solely concerned with the protection of conservation areas, therefore there are unlikely to be any environmental impacts on natural resources.	No. Screened out.
Historic Environment	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts on conservation areas, but it is unlikely to have environmental impacts on the rest of the historic environment.	Yes. The implementation of this policy could have significant environmental impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas and gardens and designed landscapes.
Social Environment	The policy is solely concerned with the protection of conservation areas, therefore there are unlikely to be any environmental impacts on the social environment.	No. Screened out.

Policy HE3: Scheduled Monuments, Historic Battlefields and Other Archaeological and Historic Environment Assets

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is concerned with the protection of a range of historic and archaeological assets and sets a presumption against significant adverse impacts on these assets. As such, impacts on natural resources in terms of biodiversity and climate not anticipated. However, as the policy protects historic battlefields, there are likely to be significant landscape impacts. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive.	Yes. The implementation of this policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape and geology.
Natural Resources	The policy is concerned with the protection of a range of historic and archaeological assets and sets a presumption against potential adverse impacts on these assets. As such, impacts on natural resources are not anticipated.	No. Screened out.
Historic Environment	The policy is concerned with the protection of a range of historic and archaeological assets and sets a presumption against potential adverse impacts on these assets. There is a presumption that any impacts will be positive in nature.	Yes. The implementation of this policy could have significant environmental impacts the historic environment.
Social Environment	The policy is solely concerned with the protection of conservation areas, therefore there are unlikely to be any environmental impacts on the social environment.	No. Screened out.

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Policy HE4: Gardens and Designed Landscapes		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Policy HE4 is likely to have significant positive environmental impacts on landscape as it seeks to protect the landscape character, setting, design of both inventoried and non-inventory GDLs.	Yes. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on the natural features, specifically landscape.
Natural Resources	The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on natural resources as it is focused solely on inventoried and non-inventory gardens and designed landscapes.	No. No impacts on natural resources are likely.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on the historic environment as it is focused solely on inventoried and non-inventory gardens and designed landscapes. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature, safeguarding and making improvements to these landscapes.	Yes. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on the historic environment, specifically gardens and designed landscapes.
Social Environment	The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment as it is focused solely on inventoried and non-inventory gardens and designed landscapes. This is unlikely to have significant impacts on the social environment.	No. The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on natural resources as it is focused solely on inventoried and non-inventory gardens and designed landscapes.

Policy HE5: Enabling Development		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Depending on the location of and number of the enabling development there could be environmental impacts on natural features, most notably landscape/geology. Direct impacts on biodiversity and climate are not anticipated.	Yes. Depending on the location, size and scale of the enabling development there could be significant impacts.
Natural Resources	Impacts on soil, air and water are not anticipated directly as a result of the implementation of these policies. Screened out.	No. Screened out.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on the historic environment, most notably listed buildings (but all other historic assets). There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive/negative in nature.	Yes. Depending on the location, size and scale of the enabling development there could be significant impacts.
Social Environment	As above, however, It is unlikely to have environmental impacts on human health. However impacts in terms of materials assets and population should be considered in more detailed at Stage 2 Assessment.	As above.

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Place & Environment – Natural Environment

Policy NE1: Protecting and Enhancing Landscape and Features		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	By protecting and where appropriate enhancing the existing landscape, the policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on landscape and biodiversity. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Natural Resources	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural resources as the policy is aimed at protecting landscape from inappropriate development.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Historic Environment	There are unlikely to have environmental impacts on the historic environment as the policy is focused on safeguarding landscape character, with the exception of gardens and designed landscapes.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on gardens and designed landscapes.
Social Environment	There may be environmental impacts on the social environment, such as health and population. These should be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.	Unknown. Further consideration required at Stage 2.

Policy NE2: Development Impacts on Areas of Wild Land		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	By protecting and where appropriate enhancing the existing landscape, the policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on landscape. By supporting renewable energy developments, the policy could have significant impacts on wild land (landscape, biodiversity, flora and fauna). However, there are unlikely to be environmental impacts on climate. Overall, impacts are expected to be both positive and negative.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on natural resources as, though there is support for developments that meet renewable energy targets and for small scale developments directly linked to rural business, overall the policy is aimed at protecting landscape from inappropriate development.	No.
Historic Environment	As above.	No.
Social Environment	As above, however, support for renewable energy developments is expected to be positive for material assets.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on material assets.

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Policy NE3: Local Landscape Areas		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	By protecting and where appropriate enhancing the existing landscape, the policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on landscape. However, there are unlikely to be environmental impacts on climate.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on natural resources as the policy is aimed at protecting landscape from inappropriate development.	No.
Historic Environment	As above.	No.
Social Environment	As above, however, It is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts on population.	No.

Policy NE4: Nature Crisis		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features. The policy seeks to protect biodiversity and facilitate its enhancement, recovery and restoration. . As such, impacts on landscape, biodiversity, flora and fauna are anticipated, as well as indirect impacts on climatic factors. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive in nature.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape, biodiversity and climate. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	As outlined above with regards to natural resources. Significant impacts on air quality, the water environment and soil are anticipated, although these impacts are unknown. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	As outlined above with regards to Natural Resources. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on the historic environment. Screen out.	No. Screened out at Stage 1 Assessment.
Social Environment	Given the nature of the policy, it's likely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment, most notably material assets and human health. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.

Policy NE5: Protection of Areas of Nature Conservation Interest		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?

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Natural Features	The policy is aimed at conserving nature and biodiversity from inappropriate development. Therefore, there are likely to be environmental impacts, particularly on biodiversity, fauna and flora.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Natural Resources	This policy is concerned with conserving nature and biodiversity. The policy is likely to have a significant positive impact on the water environment as it seeks to protect important designated sites and thus associated habitats,	. Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the water environment.
Historic Environment	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on the historic environment as the policy is aimed at conserving nature and biodiversity from inappropriate development.	No. Screened out.
Social Environment	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on the social environment as the policy is aimed at conserving nature and biodiversity from inappropriate development	No. Screened out.

Policy NE6: Vulnerable, Threatened and Protected Species

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is aimed at conserving nature and biodiversity from inappropriate development. Therefore, there are likely to be environmental impacts on biodiversity, fauna and flora, but there are unlikely to be impacts on landscape and climate.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on natural resources.	No.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the historic environment.	No
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment.	No.

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Policy NE7: Geodiversity and Geological Interest		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy seeks to protect geological features, which could have environmental impacts on landscape and geology. Impacts on biodiversity and climate are not anticipated.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on natural resources.	No.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No.
Social Environment	The policy seeks to protect geodiversity assets, which are considered to be material assets. Therefore there may be environmental impacts on the social environment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on material assets.

Policy NE8: Trees, Woodland, Forestry and Hedgerows		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is aimed at protecting trees, woodland, forestry and hedgerows from inappropriate development. Therefore there are likely to be environmental impacts on biodiversity, fauna and flora as climate. There is potential for the policy to have significant impacts on landscape character. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on natural features. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on natural resources as the policy is aimed at protecting trees, woodland, forestry and hedgerows from inappropriate development.	No.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No.
Social Environment	There may be environmental impacts on the social environment, such as health and population. These should be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. Further consideration required at Stage 2.

Policy NE9: Woodland Creation		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Yes. The policy is likely to have environmental impacts in terms of natural features as it supports developments that proposed to enhance expand and improve woodland (in order to deliver a range of benefits). The policy promotes the creation of new woodland areas. Environmental impacts are anticipated in relation to landscape, these are likely to be positive.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape, as it promotes the creation of new woodland.

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Natural Resources	Yes. The policy is likely to have environmental impacts in terms of natural resources as it promotes the creation of areas of woodland.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	There is potential for this policy to have impacts on the historic environment, however, this is dependent on the location. Significant environmental impacts are therefore unknown. Further consideration required at Stage 2 Assessment.	Unknown. There is potential for this policy to have significant impacts on the historic environment. Further consideration required at Stage 2 assessment.
Social Environment	This policy is likely to have environmental impacts on the soil environment, as it promotes the creation of new areas strategic woodland.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment, as it promotes the creation of new woodland.

Policy NE10: Protection of Agricultural Land		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is likely to have an environmental impact on landscape. This should be further considered at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on landscape. These should be assessed in more detail at Stage 2 process.
Natural Resources	This policy is likely to have an environmental impact on soil. However, environmental impacts are not anticipated with regards to air and water.	Yes. As above.
Historic Environment	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on the historic environment as the policy is aimed at protecting prime quality agricultural land.	No.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	No.

Policy NE11: Soils		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts on biodiversity. However, environmental impacts are anticipated in terms of climatic factors and landscape.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on climate. These should be assessed in more detail at Stage 2 process.
Natural Resources	The policy is aimed at protecting soils, in particular, carbon rich soils and peatland, from inappropriate development and disturbance. Therefore, there are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural resources, particularly soil and the water environment.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on soil, air and water.
Historic Environment	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on the historic environment as the policy is aimed at protecting carbon rich soils from inappropriate development.	No. Screened out.
Social Environment	As the policy is concerned with protecting soils, these are considered material assets, as such there may be significant environmental impacts on these.	Yes. This should be assessed in more detail at Stage 2 process.

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Policy NE12: Water, Air and Light and Noise Pollution		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is aimed at avoiding water, air and light pollution. There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on landscape and biodiversity, flora and fauna. There may be environmental impacts on climatic factors.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on climate. These should be assessed in more detail at Stage 2 process.
Natural Resources	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts on air and water. However, it is unlikely to have environmental impacts on soil.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on air and water.
Historic Environment	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts on the historic environment.	No.
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts on population, health and the quality of material assets. It is likely these will be positive. .	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on population and health.

Policy NE13: Contaminated Land		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts on natural features.	No.
Natural Resources	As the policy is concerned with the removal of contaminated land, there are likely to be environmental impacts on natural resources, specifically soil and water.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on soil and water.
Historic Environment	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts on the historic environment.	No.
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts on health and material assets but it is unlikely that there will be environmental impacts on population.	Yes. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on human health and material assets.

Communities & Housing – Housing

Policy RES1: New Housing Developments		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy directs new housing developments to identified housing sites within the local plan or appropriate sites or gap/infill redevelopment sites within the settlement boundaries. Depending on the location of the identified housing sites there may be environmental impacts on natural features. Sites within	Yes. New housing developments on identified sites could have significant impacts on natural features. This should be considered further at Stage 2. ;

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	settlements, depending on their location could have impacts on climate in terms of flooding and air quality depending on any potential reliance on private modes of transportation.	
Natural Resources	As above	Yes. Impacts should be considered further at Stage 2.
Historic Environment	Depending on their location, housing developments could have significant impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas, and other historic assets.	Yes. Impacts should be considered further at Stage 2.
Social Environment	Depending on their location, housing development could have significant environmental impacts on human health owing to modes of transportation, access to essential services, etc.	Yes. Impacts should be considered further at Stage 2.

Policy RES2: Affordable Housing

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Policy RES3 directs new affordable housing development to identified housing sites within the LDP. Any environmental impacts on natural features as a result of housing development is dependent on its scale and location.	No. Policy RES3 itself is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on natural features as it only directs development to identified LDP sites for affordable housing purposes. Potential sites to be identified as development opportunity sites in the LDP will be assessed separate to this policy as part of the strategic environmental assessment.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy RES3: Residential Amenity

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts as it is associated with protecting existing residential amenities.	No. Although there are likely to be positive environmental impacts associated with the policy these are unlikely to be significant impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above	As above.

Policy RES4: Compact Growth

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Yes. The policy seeks compact development which would have impacts on landscapes, biodiversity, flora and fauna, and climate.	Yes. This policy is anticipated to have a significant impact on biodiversity, flora and fauna, and climate, which should be

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		considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	Yes. The policy seeks compact development which would have impacts on soil and air. No impacts are expected from this policy on the water environment; these should be screened out.	Yes. This policy is anticipated to have a significant impact on soil and air, which should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Historic Environment	No, no impacts are expected from this policy on the historic environment; these should be screened out.	No. Significant impacts on the historic environment are not anticipated.
Social Environment	Yes. The policy seeks compact development which would have impacts on population, health and material assets.	Yes. This policy is anticipated to have a significant impact on population, health and material assets. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

Policy RES5: Conversion to Residential Use

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy relates to the conversion of properties into residential use. It is unlikely to have an environmental impact.	No. As the policy relates to the conversion of properties into residential use, it is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on natural features.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	The policy might have environmental impacts on listed buildings, buildings within the curtilage of a listed building, or buildings within conservation areas. However these impacts should be positive in nature. LDP2 will also contain a separate policy on listed buildings and conservation areas, providing sufficient protection from any adverse impacts.	No. Any environmental impacts could be significant, however other policies will be contained in LDP2 to protect listed buildings and conservation areas.
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have minimal environmental impacts as it is associated with converting existing properties into residential use.	No. The policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts.

Policy RES6: Gypsy Travellers' Sites

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The environmental impact of the policy is dependent on a site's location and size. The exact impacts cannot be assessed, but should be considered at Stage2.	Yes. Depending on the size and location of a site, the policy could have a significant environmental impact and potentially a cumulative impact.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	The environmental impact of the policy is dependent on a site's location and size. The exact impacts cannot be assessed, but should be considered at Stage2.	Yes, however the policy supports proposals which are consistent with the other relevant policies. The Plan contains a robust and effective policy framework to protect this historic environment.

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Social Environment	The environmental impact of the policy is dependent on a site's location and size. The exact impacts cannot be assessed, but should be considered at Stage2.	Yes. Depending on the size and location of a site, the policy could have a significant environmental impact and potentially a cumulative impact.
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Policy RES7: Non-Permanent Dwellings		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Depending on the location, the siting of a non-permanent dwelling could have environmental impacts on landscape. There are likely to be no or minimal impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna and climate.	No. The policy is unlikely to have a significant impact on natural features, in particular landscape.
Natural Resources	It is unlikely that the siting of a non-permanent dwelling could have environmental impacts on soil, air or water.	No. The policy is unlikely to have a significant impact on natural resources.
Historic Environment	Depending on the location, the siting of a non-permanent dwelling could have environmental impacts on the historic environment	As above.
Social Environment	It is unlikely that the siting of a non-permanent dwelling could have environmental impacts on population, health or material assets.	As above.

Communities & Housing – Rural Housing

Policy RH1: Housing in the Rural Protection Area		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy is supportive of housing in the rural protection area, where it meets certain criteria. This could have significant environmental impacts on natural features. This is dependent on the site specific context of proposals. However, generally, significant impacts should be anticipated on landscape as well as climatic factors.	Yes. Residential development in the rural protection area could have significant environmental impacts on natural features. Even without locational or contextual information in terms of proposals, it is appropriate to determine that the policy could have significant impacts on its own.
Natural Resources	As above.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above.	Yes. As outlined above.
Social Environment	Housing in the rural protection area could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment. Significant impacts should be anticipated for health and material assets. Although, this is dependent on the site-specific context of proposals. It is unlikely to have environmental impacts on population	Yes. As outlined above.

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Policy RH2: Housing in the Rural Diversification Area		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy is supportive of housing within the rural diversification area where it can be demonstrated to meet a range of criteria. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features. Impacts should be anticipated for landscape and climatic factors.	Yes. Residential development in the rural diversification area could have significant environmental impacts on natural features. Even without locational or contextual information in terms of proposals, it is appropriate to determine that the policy could have significant impacts on its own.
Natural Resources	As above. This policy could have significant impacts on soil and air quality.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above. This policy could have significant impacts on the historic environment, most notably conservation areas, scheduled monuments and archaeological sites.	Yes. As outlined above.
Social Environment	Housing in the rural diversification area could have significant environmental impacts, depending on its location, on health and material assets. It is unlikely to have environmental impacts on population	Yes. As outlined above.

Policy RH3: Rural Housing Clusters		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy directs residential development which does not accord with policies RH1 and RH2 to identified housing clusters within the rural landscape. This is anticipated to have significant environmental impacts on natural features, such as landscape, biodiversity, flora and fauna as well as climatic factors. This will be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on natural features. Even without locational or contextual information in terms of proposals, it is appropriate to determine that the policy could have significant impacts on its own.
Natural Resources	As above, with regards to natural resources.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	The environmental impacts that this policy could have on the historic environment is unknown. There is potential for the policy to have significant impacts on listed buildings, scheduled monuments and archaeological sites. Impacts are to be considered further at Stage 2 assessment.	Unsure. Further consideration of the impact that this policy will have on the historic environment is required at Stage 2 assessment.
Social Environment	By directing residential development which does not meet the criteria of RH1 and RH2 then policy RH3 is likely to have significant impacts on the social environment, through its impacts on material assets.	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment, most notably material assets.

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Policy RH4: Housing for Agricultural Workers and Other Rural Enterprises		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy is supportive of housing within the rural landscape for agricultural workers and other rural enterprises where set criteria are met. However, this policy will only be applicable for those proposals which accord with policy RH2 and IND2 of the LDP. Therefore on its own it is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features.	No. The policy will only be implemented when a proposal accords within RH2 and IND2. Policy RH2 and IND2 have been subject to a stage 2 assessment of their environmental impacts and therefore this policy will not have any significant impacts on its own.
Natural Resources	As above.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As above.	No. As outlined above.

Policy RH5: Rural Housing Development		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	While this policy will only be applicable for those proposals which accord with other policies against which it is assessed (e.g. RH1, RH3 and Policy IND2), it is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features as it outlines criteria within with the Council will not support residential development in the countryside.	Yes. Although the policy will only be implemented when a proposal accords with Policies RH2 and IND2. Policy RH2 and Policy IND2 (which have been subject to a stage 2 assessment), it is likely to have significant impacts on natural features. This should be further considered at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	As above	As above
Historic Environment	Significant impacts on the historic environment are not anticipated. Screened out at Stage 1 assessment.	No. Screened out.
Social Environment	Housing in the rural area could have significant environmental impacts, depending on its location, on health and material assets. It is unlikely to have environmental impacts on population	Yes. As outlined above.

Economy & Employment – Town Centres

Policy TC1: Supporting development in town centres		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or

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		synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is associated with directing a wide range of uses / development to town centres. It is unlikely that there will be any environmental impacts on landscape and biodiversity, flora and fauna, given its urban content. However, there may be environmental impacts on Climate which should be considered.	Yes. There may be significant impacts on climate depending on the location of the retail development. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on soils. However, there is potential for the policy to have an impact on air quality and water. It is anticipated that impacts on air quality will likely be positive.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	Depending on the location of the development there could be environmental impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites. It is unlikely that there will be impacts on gardens and designed landscapes, given the urban context of the policy. Environmental impacts are anticipated to be positive in nature.	Yes. As outlined above.
Social Environment	There are likely to be environmental impacts on population, health and material assets given the urban context of the policy. Environmental impacts are anticipated to be positive in nature, as developments will more likely be sustainably located and connected to existing active and public travel networks.	Yes. As outlined above.

Policy TC2: Town Centre First Assessment

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have impacts on landscape and biodiversity, flora and fauna but may have environmental impacts on climate depending on the location of the development. This should be further considered.	Yes. There could be significant impacts on climate but there are unlikely to be significant environmental impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	It is anticipated that this policy will have impacts on air quality. It is likely that these will be positive. However, the environmental impacts on soil and water are hard to determine. This should be further considered.	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on soils or water but there may be environmental impacts on air.
Historic Environment	Depending on the location of the development there could be environmental impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites. It is unlikely that there will be impacts on gardens and designed landscapes and historic battlefields.	Yes. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Social Environment	There are likely to be environmental impacts on health and material assets.	There are likely to be environmental impacts on health and material assets. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

Policy TC3: Small scale retail development in out-of-town centre locations

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Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have impacts on landscape and biodiversity, flora and fauna but is likely to have significant environmental impacts on climate. There is a presumption that these impacts are likely to be positive/negative. This should be further considered at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. There could be significant impacts on climate but there are unlikely to be significant environmental impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	It is anticipated that this policy will have impacts on air quality. It is likely that these will be positive/negative. However, the environmental impacts on soil and water are hard to determine. This should be further considered.	There are unlikely to be environmental impacts on soils or water but there may be environmental impacts on air.
Historic Environment	Depending on the location of the development there could be environmental impacts on listed buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites. It is unlikely that there will be impacts on gardens and designed landscapes and historic battlefields.	Yes. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Social Environment	There are likely to be environmental impacts on population, health and material assets.	There are likely to be environmental impacts on population, health and material assets. This will be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

Policy TC4: Town Centre Living

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The implementation of this policy is likely to have environmental impacts on certain receptors. Impacts on landscape and biodiversity are not anticipated given the urban nature of the application of this policy (screened out). Significant impacts are anticipated in terms of climatic factors, given that the policy seeks to enable residential living within our centres which are more sustainably located. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive/negative in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. Significant environmental impacts are anticipated in terms of climatic factors.
Natural Resources	As outlined above with regards to natural resources. Impacts on soil environment are not anticipated (screened out). There is potential for this policy to have some environmental impacts on the water environment, given the flood extents of SEPA's flood risk maps which effect out town centres. However, the exact impact is unknown. This should be considered further in Stage 2 assessment. Impacts on air quality are anticipated. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive/negative in nature.	Yes. Significant environmental impacts are anticipated in terms of air quality and potentially the water environment. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this policy could have significant environmental impacts on the historic environment, most notably listed buildings and	Yes. Significant environmental impacts are anticipated.

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	conservation areas which are (generally) concentrated within our urban environment and town centres.	
Social Environment	The implementation of this policy could have significant environmental impacts on the social environment, most notably on material assets and human health, but there will likely be impacts on population too.	Yes. Significant environmental impacts are anticipated.

Policy TC5: Residential Amenity in Town Centres

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts as it is associated with protecting existing residential amenity within town centres. The policy is procedural in nature, and sets the requirement that developers must demonstrate that suitable residential amenity can be achieved. As such, its implementation is unlikely to have impacts.	No. Although there are likely to be positive environmental impacts associated with the policy these are unlikely to be significant impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above	As above.

Economy & Employment – Business & Industry

Policy IND1: Business and Industrial Development

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have an environmental impact as it relates to particular types of business and industrial development to specified safeguarded areas. It also supports development outwith these safeguarded areas but only where it is compatible with the surrounding area and will have no unacceptable impact on the environment.	No. The policy directs particular types of business and industrial development to specified allocated areas as mapped in the LDP. The majority of these areas have been the subject of SEA, are partially developed. Any new areas to be potentially identified in LDP2 or existing areas that require SEA due to changes to constraints, such as level of flood risk will be subject to SEA separate to this policy. The policy also supports development outwith these safeguarded areas but only where it is compatible with the surrounding area and will have no unacceptable impact on the environment.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy IND2: Business development in the Rural Area

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant
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		cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy seeks to support business development in the rural area in accordance with its criteria. The environmental impact on natural features will be dependent on the exact location and type of business development.	Yes. It is likely that the implementation of this policy could result in significant environmental impacts.
Natural Resources	As above. Any environmental impact on natural resources, such as soil and water resources is very much dependent on the location and type of business development being proposed.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy IND3: Alternative Use of Business and Industrial Land or Premises

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy seeks to retain existing, unallocated, business and industrial land and premises for ongoing business and industrial use and sets out circumstances in which a change of use may be acceptable. As the policy is only relevant to sites in current or former use for business and industry it is unlikely that these would have natural features. Any impact, although unlikely, would be entirely dependent on the particular location in question.	No. Existing business and industrial sites and premises are unlikely to have significant natural features. If, although unlikely, any sites did raise potential significant impacts, these are site dependent and cannot be assessed at this stage. Complimentary environmental policies of the plan will mitigate impacts and ensure a robust assessment of proposals. A stage 2 assessment is not necessary.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy IND4: Working from Home

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy relates to the operation of class 4, 5 or 6 uses from a residential property or associated outbuildings. It is unlikely to have an environmental impact.	No. The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts. It is also unlikely to become significant cumulative or synergistic impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As Above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As Above.
Social Environment	As above.	As Above.

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Economy & Employment - Tourism

Policy TOUR1: Tourism Development		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy encourages improvement of existing tourist facilities and the development of new tourism facilities. It is likely that there will be significant environmental impacts on natural features. It is presumed that the impacts on landscape, biodiversity, flora and fauna are likely to be positive.	Yes. Depending on the location and the type of new tourist development or improvement, there could be significant impacts on natural features, most notably landscape, biodiversity, flora and fauna. More specific and detailed assessment will be provided at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	As above.	Yes, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above.	Yes, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As above, however, It is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts on population.	Yes, as outlined above.

Policy TOUR2: Tourism Accommodation		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is one of support for new tourist accommodation within settlement boundaries and within the rural area. The policy requires all proposals to comply with other LDP policies. As there will be other policies within the LDP which will protect natural features such as landscape, geology, biodiversity, flora and fauna, and climate resilience the environmental impacts associated with this policy are not likely to be significant but minimal.	No, it is not anticipated that Policy TOUR2 will have any significant environmental impacts in terms of its implementation alone.
Natural Resources	As above.	No, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above.	No, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As above.	No, as outlined above.

Policy TOUR3: Rural Sporting, Leisure and Recreational Activities		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy supports sporting, leisure or recreational activities in the countryside and protects the natural environment from adverse impacts. It is considered that there are unlikely to be environmental impacts as a result of the implementation of this proposal	No. The policy provides enough protection to ensure that these types of development will have no adverse environmental impacts on these receptors. Proposal also will have to comply with Policy OP1 and other relevant LDP policies which will provide additional layers of environmental protection.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.

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Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy TOUR4: The Dark Sky Park		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy limits any development in the park to those where the lighting will not impact on the dark sky park within the park and also for those developments outside the park, but within a 10 mile radius. The policy on its own is likely to have some environmental impacts but development proposals will be subject to other policies within the LDP.	No. Although there could be environmental impacts associated with development within or outwith the park, the purpose of this policy is to limit any developments where illumination would affect the park. It is not considered that this policy or the supplementary guidance will have significant environmental impacts on its own as development proposals are subject to other applicable LDP policies and Policy OP1 which should provide sufficient mitigation from adverse impacts on natural features.
Natural Resources	As above.	No, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above.	No, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As above.	No, as outlined above.

Policy TOUR5: Loss of tourist facilities		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy seeks to prevent the loss of tourist facilities within East Ayrshire and will only support proposals which can demonstrate that the existing tourist related use is no longer viable and there is not requirement for an alternative tourist facility use in the area. Its implementation is unlikely to have any significant impacts on natural features and is dependent on the details of any proposal and surrounding context.	No. There could be environmental impacts associated with the loss of tourist facilities and subsequent development. However, the purpose of this policy is to require justification for loss and as such it is unlikely significant impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy TOUR6: Loudoun Castle Estate Garden and Designed Landscape		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy promoted the development of Loudoun Castle Estate in a sensitive manner, taking into account all of the sites assets and constraints. The policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on landscape and geology, biodiversity, flora and fauna and climatic factors. There is a presumption that	Yes. Significant environmental impacts are anticipated. This will be considered in detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

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	these impacts will be significant positive and negative in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources. There is a presumption that impacts are likely to be significant positive and negative or significant negative. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the historic environment. There is a presumption that impacts are likely to be significant positive and negative. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment. There is a presumption that impacts are likely to be significant positive and negative. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. As outlined above.

Infrastructure

Policy INF1: Infrastructure First

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts as it is associated with setting an infrastructure-first approach to planning and sets the requirement for early engagement. The policy is more procedural in nature as such, its implementation is unlikely to have impacts.	No. Although there are likely to be positive environmental impacts associated with the policy these are unlikely to be significant impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above	As above.

Infrastructure – Digital Infrastructure

Policy INF2: Installation of Fibre Broadband for New Developments

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is unlikely to have environmental impacts as it sets the requirement that developers are required to incorporate appropriate, universal and futureproofed digital infrastructure into new residential, commercial and leisure developments. Although there may be environmental impacts on natural features, it is unlikely that these will be significant in nature.	No. Although there are likely to be positive environmental impacts associated with the policy these are unlikely to be significant impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above	As above.

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Policy INF3: Installation of Digital Communications Infrastructure		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The implementation of this policy could have significant impacts on natural features, including landscape, biodiversity and climate. However, these impacts are uncertain. This should be further considered at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes, there is potential for the implementation of this policy to have significant environmental impacts. This should be further considered at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Yes, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the historic environment.	Yes, as outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment.	Yes, as outlined above.

Infrastructure – Developer Contributions

Policy INF4 : Developer Contributions		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy itself requires developers to make financial contributions in certain circumstances to alleviate the impacts of their development on existing services, facilities and infrastructure. Although there could be environmental impacts as a result of improving services, facilities and infrastructure, the policy by itself is unlikely to have any environmental impacts.	No. Significant impacts on natural features are not anticipated.
Natural Resources	As above	No
Historic Environment	As above	No
Social Environment	As above	No

Infrastructure – Promoting Sustainable Transport

Policy T1: Transport requirements in New Development		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy seeks to ensure that developers comply with the standards of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance, and elements of new transport legislation and recent amendments to climate change legislation and the principles of NTS2. The policy ensures that all new development fully embraces active travel and the use of public transport, as well as providing electric vehicle	Yes. Significant impacts on climate are anticipated. These should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.

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	infrastructure. The policy, when implemented through development proposals, might have environmental impacts on natural features.	
Natural Resources	As outlined above. The policy is unlikely to have a direct environmental impact on soil and the water environment, however when implemented through development proposal, might have these features. Impacts are anticipated in terms of air quality.	Yes. Significant impacts are anticipated. These should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Historic Environment	As outlined above. The policy is unlikely to have a direct environmental impact on the historic environment, however when implemented through development proposal, might have environmental impacts. Screened out at Stage 1.	No. Although the policy promotes active travel and the use of public transport which might have a significant impact on the historic environment, the policy on its own is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts, but will require other policies and proposals to be implemented in order to do so.
Social Environment	The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on population, human health and material assets. There is a presumption that these impacts are likely to be positive and positive and negative.	Yes. Significant impacts are anticipated. These should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.

Policy T2: 20 Minute Neighbourhoods		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy encourages an interconnected and strategic approach to development for the purpose of ensuring that local areas provide access to housing, employment, leisure and community resources through diversity of land use and well-designed travel routes. The implications for natural features are dependent on the location of an individual development - risks to landscape character and biodiversity could arise if there is pressure to develop land to provide the aforementioned resources in communities located in areas with sensitive natural features. The policy is likely to have positive impacts with regards to climate resilience.	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant positive impacts on climate and may have some site-specific impacts on environmental features, although unknown at this stage.
Natural Resources	The principles of 20 Minute Neighbourhoods include a focus on sustainable transport, which should result in a reduction in carbon emissions and therefore improved air quality. It is unknown whether soil and water could be impacted by developments delivered under this policy as any impacts would be location-dependent.	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant positive impacts on air ad there may be other environmental impacts which are unknown at this stage.
Historic Environment	The policy is unlikely to have impacts on the historic environment.	No significant impacts are anticipated. Screened out at Stage 1.
Social Environment	The key aim of the policy is to have a positive social impact by improving local access to services and encouraging the development of resilient and well-connected communities.	Yes. The policy should have significant positive social impacts.

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Policy T3: Transportation of Freight		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy itself is aimed at supporting transport of freight by rail first then road. The policy itself is unlikely to have environmental impacts on landscape and geology and biodiversity, flora and fauna. However, impacts on climatic factors are anticipated. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive and negative in nature.	Yes. Transportation by rail is likely to have significant impacts on climate. This should be considered in detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	Impacts on air quality are anticipated. This should be considered in detail at Stage 2 assessment. Impacts on soil and the water environment are not likely. Screened out at Stage 1.	Yes. Transportation by rail is likely to have significant impacts on air. This should be considered in detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Historic Environment	No significant impacts are anticipated for the historic environment. Screened out at Stage 1 assessment.	No. Screened out.
Social Environment	Impacts on human health and material assets are anticipated. There is a presumption that these impacts are likely to be positive/negative in nature. Impacts on population are not anticipated. Screened out at Stage 1.	Yes. Transportation by rail is likely to have significant impacts on human health and material assets. This should be considered in detail at Stage 2 assessment.

Policy T4: Development and Protection of Core Paths and Other Routes		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is concerned with developing new and protecting existing core paths, paths which form part of the local and strategic path network and other routes, it is likely therefore to have environmental impacts on natural features.	Yes. New routes could have significant impacts on biodiversity, flora and fauna depending on their location. There are unlikely to impacts on landscape or climate.
Natural Resources	As the policy is concerned with developing new and protecting existing core paths, paths which form part of the local and strategic path network and other routes, it is unlikely to have an environmental impact on natural resources.	No. The policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on natural resources.
Historic Environment	The policy is concerned with developing new and protecting existing core paths, paths which form part of the local and strategic path network and other routes, it is likely therefore to have environmental impacts on the historic environment.	Yes. New routes could have significant impacts on the historic environment depending on their location.
Social Environment	The policy is concerned with developing new and protecting existing core paths, paths which form part of the local and strategic path network and other routes, it is likely therefore to have environmental impacts on human health, population and material assets.	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant impacts on material assets but is unlikely to have significant impacts on health and population.

Policy T5: Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles

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Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	. Policy T5 sets a requirement for all new development to provide low and zero-emission vehicle and cycle charging points in alignment with building standards requirements. As such, it is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts on landscape, biodiversity, flora and fauna. However, environmental impacts in terms of climatic factors could be anticipated. There is a presumption that these will be positive in nature.	Yes. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on the climatic factors, but not landscape or biodiversity.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, this policy sets a requirement for all new development to provide low and zero-emission vehicle and cycle charging points. As such, no significant environmental impacts are anticipated in terms of soil or the water environment. However, the implementation of this policy could have significant impacts on air quality. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive in nature.	Yes. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on the air quality, but not soil or the water environment.
Historic Environment	The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts on the historic environment.	No. The implementation of this policy is unlikely to have any significant impacts on the historic environment.
Social Environment	As outlined above, this policy sets a requirement for all new development to provide low and zero-emission vehicle and cycle charging points.. As outlined above, significant impacts are anticipated in terms of human health and material assets. These should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. The implementation of this policy is likely to have significant impacts on human health and material assets. Potential impacts should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.

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Energy and Resources – Supporting Renewable Energy

Policy RE1: Renewable Energy		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural features although the policy strives for any development proposals to be assessed by balancing their contributions to energy targets and reducing carbon emissions, against any environmental, community and cumulative impacts. The policy will only support development where any such impacts can be sufficiently minimised and mitigated.	Yes. A stage 2 assessment will be required. There are likely to be significant cumulative impacts on landscape character.
Natural Resources	There are likely to be environmental impacts on natural resources although the policy strives for any development proposals to be assessed by balancing their contributions to energy targets and reducing carbon emissions, against any environmental, community and cumulative impacts. The policy will only support development where any such impacts can be sufficiently minimised and mitigated.	Yes. A stage 2 assessment will be required. There are likely to be significant cumulative impacts on natural resources dependent on the location and type of development.
Historic Environment	As above.	Yes. A stage 2 assessment will be required.
Social Environment	There are likely to be environmental impacts on health, however the impacts on population and material assets are likely to be minimal.	Yes. A stage 2 assessment will be required, in terms of health.

Policy RE2: Heat and Cooling		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features. Environmental impacts are anticipated to be positive in nature, particularly in relation to climatic factors. However, impacts on landscape and biodiversity are likely to be unknown.	Yes. The preferred option will likely have environmental impacts. More specific and detailed assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural resources. Environmental impacts are anticipated to be neutral or positive in nature, particularly in relation to air quality.	Yes. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	No. This preferred option is not anticipated to have any significant positive or negative environmental impacts on the historic environment.	No. Screened out at Stage 1 assessment.
Social Environment	The significant environmental impacts of this policy on the social environment are uncertain. This should be further considered during Stage 2 assessment process.	Unsure. Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration.

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Policy RE3: Low and Zero Carbon Buildings		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural features. Environmental impacts are anticipated to be positive in nature, particularly in relation to climatic factors.	Yes. This objective is likely to have cumulative significant positive impacts on the environment. More specific and detailed assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on natural resources. Environmental impacts are anticipated to be positive in nature, particularly in relation to air quality.	Yes. As above.
Historic Environment	The significant environmental impacts of this policy on the historic environment are uncertain. This should be further considered during Stage 2 assessment process.	Unsure. Screened into Stage 2 for further consideration.
Social Environment	Yes. This policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment. Environmental impacts on human health, material assets and population are anticipated to be positive in nature.	Yes. This objective is likely to have cumulative significant positive impacts on the environment. More specific and detailed assessment will be required at Stage 2 Assessment.

Energy and Resources – Minerals

Policy MIN1: Sterilisation of Workable Mineral Resources		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy does not promote change on its own so no impacts will be direct from this policy.	No. The implementation of this policy is not going to have direct significant impacts.
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy MIN2: Extraction of Minerals		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy could potentially result in environmental impacts given the nature of minerals extraction. Applications for extraction could propose to include local landscape areas, geological features and habitats. Proposals will have impacts on climate.	Yes. The policy could potentially result in significant environmental impacts given the nature of this type of minerals extraction. It could also result in cumulative impacts.

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Natural Resources	Significant impacts on soil and water would be expected. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. As above. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Historic Environment	Significant impacts upon the historic environment will depend upon the location of extraction but are possible. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. As above. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Social Environment	Significant impacts on the social environment are possible; dust, noise, vibration, etc. could lead to impacts on human health. Material assets may be affected depending upon location of development. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. As above. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

Policy MIN3: Minerals Restoration and Placemaking

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	As land will be restored under this policy, significant impacts on landscape and biodiversity are anticipated. There is a presumption that these impacts will be positive and positive and negative in nature. Impacts should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. The policy will, as implemented, progressively restore the land to a standard which is suitable for other more beneficial uses and enhance natural features.
Natural Resources	As above.	Yes. The policy will, as implemented, progressively restore the land to a standard which is suitable for other more beneficial uses and enhance natural resources.
Historic Environment	As above.	Yes. The policy will, as implemented, progressively restore the land to a standard which is suitable for other more beneficial uses and enhance the Historic Environment.
Social Environment	As above.	Yes. The policy will, as implemented, progressively restore the land to a standard which is suitable for other more beneficial uses and enhance the Social Environment.

Policy MIN4: Protecting Communities

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy seeks to minimise the negative adverse impacts of extraction on communities by requiring an adequate separation distance between the development site and nearby settlements. Proposals are unlikely to be supported unless there is an adequate separation distance. Landscape could be impacted.	Yes. The policy may result in significant environmental impacts to Natural Features.
Natural Resources	No significant impact likely. The key aims of the policy are to minimise negative adverse impacts on communities.	No. The policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts
Historic Environment	There may be impacts upon listed buildings and archaeology. As settlements contain the majority of built heritage assets this will offer some protection.	Yes. The policy may result in significant environmental impacts to the historic environment.

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Social Environment	The policy is designed to protect communities so is likely to have a significant effect on population.	Yes. The policy may result in significant environmental impacts to the Social Environment.
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Policy MIN5: Protecting Residential Amenity

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	There is likely to be significant impacts on natural features through preventing unacceptable levels of pollution.	Yes. The policy may result in significant environmental impacts to Natural Features.
Natural Resources	The policy seeks to minimise the negative adverse impacts of extraction on residential amenity by preventing unacceptable levels of pollution. It is therefore likely to have an impact on soil, water and air.	As above.
Historic Environment	The key aims of the policy are to minimise negative adverse impacts on communities, this does not involve the historic environment.	No. The policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts.
Social Environment	The policy seeks to minimise the negative adverse impacts of extraction on residential amenity by preventing unacceptable levels of pollution. It is likely therefore to have an impact upon health.	Yes. The policy may result in significant environmental impacts to the Social Environment.

Policy MIN6: Duration of Extraction Period

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is likely to have an environmental impact as it seeks to minimise the time period the development takes place over. This will reduce the time all natural features are impacted.	Yes. The policy is likely to result in significant environmental impacts, potentially positive as the policy seeks to minimise impacts as a result of the duration of permissions.
Natural Resources	As above	As above
Historic Environment	The policy could have an environmental impact on the historic environment, in particular archaeological resource areas.	Yes. The policy is likely to result in significant environmental impacts.
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have an environmental impact on people and assets.	Yes. The policy is likely to result in significant environmental impacts, potentially positive as the policy seeks to minimise the impacts on settlements.

Policy MIN7: Borrow Pits

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The creation of borrow pits may have an environmental impact as the extraction of material will result in changes to the environment and create engineering and transportation	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant impacts on the natural environment. This should be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.

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	requirements. This should be considered in further detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	
Natural Resources	As above	As above
Historic Environment	As above	As above
Social Environment	As above	As above

Policy MIN8: Reworking of Waste Spoil Tips		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is likely to have an environmental impact as it is concerned with the remodelling/processing of spoil material which inherently involves natural features. Impacts should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.	Yes. The policy is likely to have a significant impact on the environment
Natural Resources	The policy is likely to have an environmental impact as it is concerned with the remodelling/processing of spoil material which inherently involves natural resources.	As above
Historic Environment	Impacts on archaeology or scheduled monuments may ensue depending upon location.	As above
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have an environmental impact as it is concerned with the remodelling/processing of spoil material which will involve transportation and engineering.	As above

Policy MIN9: Extraction of Secondary Aggregates		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts as the extraction of secondary materials is an adjunct to the extraction of primary materials. The movement of material will have an impact upon landscape and habitats in particular.	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts.
Natural Resources	Disturbance of soil and water is expected. There is a presumption that these impacts will be significant positive/negative and negative in nature. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts.
Historic Environment	The policy is unlikely to have any environmental impacts on the historical environment on its own.	No. The policy is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have environmental impacts as it relates to the extraction of a secondary material with primary materials.	Yes. The policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts

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Financial Guarantees

Policy FIN1: Financial Guarantees		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This policy seeks to obtain financial guarantees for proposals for renewable energy, minerals, waste management and electrical infrastructure projects to ensure aftercare and mitigation can be undertaken and met in full. While the collection of these financial guarantees will lead to aftercare which will likely have positive impacts on natural features, the policy itself is procedural in nature and will have no significant impacts on natural features.	No. Policy is procedural in nature and its implementation will not have significant impacts on natural features alone.
Natural Resources	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As outlined above.	No. As outlined above.

Energy and Resources – Sustainable Waste Management

WM1: Waste Management in New Development		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy requires all developments to meet with the aims of the Zero Waste Plan and for development proposals to provide waste collection recycling facilities, waste separation and collection. The implementation of the policy is unlikely to have any significant environmental impacts on natural features.	No. Policy WM1 is unlikely to have a significant environmental impact on natural features.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to Natural Resources.	As outlined above, with regards to Natural Resources.
Historic Environment	The impacts that this policy will have on the historic environment are unknown, there is potential for it to have significant impacts on listed buildings and conservation areas, however this is location dependent.	Unknown. The policy could have significant environmental impacts on certain historic environment features. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 Assessment.
Social Environment	The policy is likely to have significant environmental impacts on the social environment. It is anticipated that Policy WM1 will have significant impacts on material assets as it intends to maximise waste reduction and waste separation at source and minimise any cross contamination of materials. Significant environmental impacts on population and human health are not anticipated as a result of the implementation of this policy.	Yes. The policy could have significant impacts on material assets in terms of waste recycling. Significant environmental impacts will be further considered at Stage 2 assessment.

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WM2: Development & the Circular Economy		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	This Policy promotes the principles of the circular economy and aims to reduce, reuse and recycle waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy. The policy sets a series of criteria which proposals should accord with including the reuse of existing buildings/infrastructure, salvaging materials for reuse etc. In overall terms these requirements are likely to have significant environmental impacts cumulatively, however, impacts are dependent on the locational context of proposals, and as such are largely unknown. There is a presumption that impacts on climate are likely to be positive. This should be investigated further at Stage 2 Assessment.	Unknown. Any significant impacts are context dependent. This should be investigated further at Stage 2 Assessment.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Unknown. As above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Unknown. As above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Unknown. As above.

WM3: Waste Management Facilities		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	<p>The policy is procedural and specifies what requirements are expected from developers of new and extended waste management facilities. The implementation of the policy is likely to have environmental impacts on natural features. The policy also supports the establishment of secondary industries and businesses associated with waste management. There are unlikely to be environmental impacts from the implementation of this policy, on its own, as it requires to be assessed against other relevant LDP policies.</p> <p>The policy also aims to safeguard existing waste management sites and presumes against any new development which would compromise or inhibit the operation of these waste management facilities. The implementation of this aspect of policy is unlikely to have any environmental impacts. The policy also presumes against major new landfill sites. In overall terms, it is presumed that Policy WM3 is likely to have environmental impacts on landscape, biodiversity and climate.</p>	Yes, significant environmental impacts are anticipated on natural features. Although the policy directs these types of developments to certain types of sites and locations, there is the possibility that new sites could be developed elsewhere, thus potentially having significant environmental impacts on natural features. This will be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Yes, as outlined above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above.	Yes, as outlined above.

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Social Environment	As outlined above.	Yes. The development of these new and extended waste management infrastructure or facilities could have significant environmental impacts on health and material assets. However, it is anticipated that there will not be significant environmental impacts on population.
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WM4: Recovery of Energy from Waste		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The policy sets out the criteria for recovery of energy from waste. The implementation of the policy is likely to have environmental impacts on natural features. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.	Yes. The implementation of the policy, depending on the location, could have significant impacts on landscape and biodiversity; however, it will have significant impacts on climate. This should be considered in more detail at Stage 2 assessment.
Natural Resources	As above	Yes. There are likely to be significant environmental impacts on natural resources. More specific assessment will be required at Stage 2.
Historic Environment	As above	Yes. The implementation of the policy, depending on the location, could have significant impacts on the historic environment. More specific assessment will be required at Stage 2.
Social Environment	As above	Yes. The implementation of the policy, depending on the location, could have significant environmental impacts on health and material assets. It is not anticipated that there will be significant environmental impacts on population.

Climate Resilience

Policy CR1: Flood Risk Management		
Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Due to the subject matter, the policy is likely to have an impact on all environmental components. In particular significant environmental impacts are anticipated for climatic factors. There is a presumptions that	Yes. This policy could have significant environmental impacts.

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	these impacts will be positive in nature. This should be investigated further at Stage 2 Assessment.	
Natural Resources	As above.	As above.
Historic Environment	As above.	As above.
Social Environment	As above.	As above.

Policy CR2: Emissions

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	The implementation of the policy itself will not have any significant environmental impacts as it is purely procedural in nature and requires specific development proposals to be accompanied by a whole-life assessment of greenhouse gas emissions from the development.	No. A procedural policy which will not have significant environmental impacts in itself.
Natural Resources	As above	No. As outlined above.
Historic Environment	As above	No. As outlined above.
Social Environment	As above	No. As outlined above.

Policy CR3: Carbon Sequestration

Components	Will there be an Environmental Impact?	Significant Impact (Yes/No/Don't Know) Why? If no, could the impact become a significant cumulative or synergistic impact (yes/no) why?
Natural Features	Proposals for Carbon Sequestration will be resisted where an assessment of relevant policies indicates any likelihood of significant adverse impact on the environment or residential amenity occurring, however impacts may occur, these are currently unknown. Further consideration required at stage 2.	Unsure. Proposals for Carbon Sequestration will depend on typology and impacts are therefore unknown. Further consideration required at stage 2.
Natural Resources	As outlined above, with regards to natural resources.	Unsure. As above.
Historic Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the historic environment.	Unsure. As above.
Social Environment	As outlined above, with regards to the social environment.	Unsure. As above.



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